

ATTACHMENT 5

Project #(s): CA2016-03 and SEPA2016-012

Title: Critical Areas Ordinance Amendments

Date: 9/12/16

ENVIRONMENTAL 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: [\[help\]](#)

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:
Code Text Amendments to modify Monroe City Code Chapter 20.05 – Critical Areas
2. Name of applicant:
City of Monroe, WA
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
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4. Date checklist prepared:
August 9, 2016

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Monroe

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

Code amendments are proposed to Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 20.05 – Critical Areas. Code amendments require a public hearing before the Planning Commission and final approval by the City Council. The public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for no earlier than October 10, 2016. City Council consideration is dependent upon the Planning Commission’s timeline for holding a public hearing and crafting a recommendation. The first reading of the ordinance in front of the City Council is tentatively scheduled for no earlier than **October 25, 2016. The second reading in front of the Council and potential adoption is anticipated to be held no earlier than **November 8, 2016**.**

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

No

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

“Wetlands and CAO Updates: Guidance for Small Cities” from the Department of Ecology (publication #10-06-002), and the SEPA threshold determination that will be prepared for 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.

There are presently applications pending for SEPA review and a code amendment.

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

Code amendments require a public hearing before the Planning Commission and two subsequent readings by the City Council. The public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for no earlier than October 10, 2016. The first reading of the ordinance in front of the City Council is tentatively scheduled for no earlier than **October 25, 2016. The second reading in front of the Council and potential adoption is anticipated to be held no earlier than **November 8, 2016**.**

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 proposed non-project action amends Chapter 20.05, Critical Areas, of the Monroe Municipal Code (MMC). The proposed code amendments modify the existing critical areas regulations, incorporating best available science and guidance from the Washington State Department of Ecology, to modify code sections specific to wetlands and wetland mitigation. These code amendments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Updates the manual used for wetland delineation from the “Washington State Wetland Identification and Delineation Manual (1997)” to the approved “federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements”**
- **Updates the Wetlands Rating System to be based on “2014 Update, Publication #14-06-029”**
- **Establishes a 3:1 tree replacement ratio for trail alignment projects**

- **Makes the “Exceptions” section more specific with the inclusion of provisions for both Reasonable Use Exceptions as well as Public Agency or Utility Exceptions**
- **Increased the buffer on Category II wetlands from 100 feet to 150 feet and on Category III wetlands from 75 feet to 100 feet**
- **Creates wetland mitigation ratios**
- **As an alternative to wetland mitigation ratios, the proposed amendments allow for a “credit/debit” mitigation method**
- **Adds a section about wetland mitigation banks**
- **Establishes a fee-in-lieu program for off-site wetland mitigation**

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 proposed non-project action affects the entire City of Monroe.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City with widely varying topography.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City with widely varying topography.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. Lake Tye, the Skykomish River, Cripple Creek, and Woods Creek are adjacent to or in the vicinity of potentially affect parcels.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. 100-year floodplains exist on some potentially affected parcels.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

4. Plants

- 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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. A variety of vegetation can be found within the City of Monroe.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. A variety of birds and animals can be found within the City of Monroe.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. Some of the potentially affected parcels may contain habitat for threatened or endangered species, and threatened and endangered species may be on or near affected parcels.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. Critical areas are present throughout all zoning designations within the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. Critical areas are present throughout all land use designations within the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. This proposed action could impact uses within all shoreline designations.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. However, some of the potentially affected areas contain critical areas.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

12. Recreation

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City. Some of the affected parcels are in the immediate vicinity of recreational opportunities.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- e. 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 affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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 applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

16. Utilities

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

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

- 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.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action affecting multiple parcels throughout the City.

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: Shana Restall

Name of signee: Shana Restall, Senior Planner

Position and Agency/Organization: City of Monroe Community Development Department

Date Submitted: August 17, 2016

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 proposed code amendments would create more stringent requirements for wetlands, including increased buffer widths and more rigorous mitigation measures. Therefore, it is probable that any environmental impacts resulting from the proposed code amendments would be beneficial and either maintain or increase the biological functioning of wetlands within the City. The amendments are based on Best Available Science and are not anticipated to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to the discharge of water, emissions to air, noise production, and hazardous materials.

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

This proposed non-project action is unlikely to result in significant adverse impacts to animals, fish, plants and marine life.

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

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to the protection of plants, animals, fish, and marine life.

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

This proposed non-project action is unlikely to result in significant adverse impacts to energy or natural resources.

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

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to energy consumption and resource use.

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 adoption of amendments to the existing critical areas ordinance increases protections for wetlands and is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact upon critical areas or other areas designated for special protection. It is likely that any environmental impacts resulting from the proposed code amendments would be beneficial and either maintain or increase the biological functioning of wetlands within the City.

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

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to critical areas.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This non-project action will not allow uses that are incompatible with existing plans.

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

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to land and shoreline uses.

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

This non-project action is not likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities, as it would increase protections on certain critical areas and limit the scope of certain development activities.

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

Individual projects will be required to meet the requirements of the Monroe Municipal Code and other regulations applicable to transportation and public services and utilities.

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

Staff is not aware of any conflicts with state, local, or federal laws resulting from the proposed text amendments.