



SEPA Environmental Checklist
2024 Comprehensive Plan
Periodic Update

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions¹](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Orting Comprehensive Plan 2024 Periodic Update and Implementing Code Update

2. Name of applicant:

City of Orting

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

September 10, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Orting

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

The updated Comprehensive Plan will go through final review and adoption in the final quarter of 2024.

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

Yes, the Comprehensive Plan is amended regularly. To comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA, RCW 36.70A), the City of Orting conducts a periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. Additionally, the City's Council may adopt administrative and publicly-proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan annually.

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

Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and SEPA Checklist, 2000, no prior record of SEPA activity related to the Comprehensive Plan.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2004 Comprehensive Plan update to Transportation Element; map changes; update to the Capital Facilities Plan.

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

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DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2007 update to Land Use and Capital Facilities elements; new Economic Development and Shoreline Management Elements; update to Land Use and Housing Elements.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2008 update for minor revisions to the Land Use, Transportation, Economic Development and Capital Facilities Elements and update to Transportation and Capital Facilities Appendices.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2015 periodic update amendments, separate DNSs for associated Parks, Trails, and Open Space (PTOS) Plan update and development regulations update.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2016 update to include new goals and policies aimed at promoting opportunities for urban agriculture within the City.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2019 amendments, including a new Zoning Map (to correct a scrivener's error); adoption of an update to the Transportation Improvement Plan; and text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2020 update to address three site-specific amendments and a staff-initiated text amendment for housekeeping and clarity.

DNS and SEPA Checklist, 2020 text amendment to ensure the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the recently adopted PTOS Plan and site-specific rezone.

DNS and Checklist, 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Text amendment to align the Plan to the Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan; amendment to the Land Use / Zoning map to rezone lands from Mixed-Use Town Center North (MUTCN) to Public Facilities (PF).

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.

Several permits or approvals may be active within the City of Orting at any time, but none are expected to interfere with the Comprehensive Plan update.

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

Following review (which will include a public hearing) and the issuance of a recommendation by the Orting Planning Commission, the matter will be referred to the City Council.

The proposal is subject to the 60-day notice and review period which is coordinated with the Department of Commerce.

Final approval is given via the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council to adopt the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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.

The proposal is a non-project action that includes the periodic update and amendment of the Orting Comprehensive Plan as required by the GMA. As a part of the periodic update

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process, the proposal also includes necessary amendments to the development code. The Comprehensive Plan was last amended in 2022.

This non-project action reflects a vision of Orting that has been expressed by its citizens and elected officials. The City conducted a public outreach and involvement program to identify its local vision and community values, encompassing many facets of community life (e.g., social, economic, and environmental). The related update to implementing policies and regulations in the OMC includes revisions to Titles 12, 13, and 15 of the OMC.

The Comprehensive Plan update includes revisions to the following elements: Introduction; Land Use; Natural Environment; Economic Development; Housing; Capital Facilities and Utilities; and Transportation. Each element contains goals and policies, and typically provides a discussion of the background information, purpose, and intent of the policies.

Each element of the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed for consistency with GMA requirements, the other elements of the Plan, and with other local and regional planning and regulatory documents. The following provides brief descriptions of each element included in the update.

- The Introduction describes the structure and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, and introduces the City's vision and goals. It summarizes the other Plan elements and discusses means of implementation and processes for amendments.
- The Land Use Element includes discussion of population history and projections, and existing land use inventories and capacities. It contains the land use map, and map of Orting's Center of Local Importance (COLI) area. This element also covers a summary of the 2008 Orting Downtown Plan. The goals and policies focus on the general patterns of land use in the City, as well as specific visions and standards for each zone. Updates to this element include edits to projection figures based on the most recent data, changes to reflect recent rezones, and updates to goals and policies to comply with new standards from the Department of Commerce and the Puget Sound Regional Council.
- The Natural Environment Element discusses natural features and conditions in and around Orting. It is being introduced as a new Element as part of the 2024 periodic update to discuss environmental protection and natural hazards. Orting is particularly susceptible to flood and lahar hazards due to its position between the Carbon and Puyallup rivers, downstream from Mt. Rainier. This element contains discussion and policies relating to critical areas such as wetlands, geologic hazards, and groundwater protection areas, as well as climate change.
- The Economic Development Element includes demographic and economic profiles of the City, permit history, employment and industry figures, and fiscal analysis. Figures and analysis have been updated for 2024 with the most recent available data. The goals and policies are intended to support appropriate and advantageous economic growth in Orting, and are based off of the economic analysis in the discussion.
- The Housing Element includes an inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs; includes a statement of Orting housing goals and policies for the

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preservation, improvement, and development of housing; identifies sufficient land for housing, including, but not limited to government-assisted housing, housing for low-income families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, and group homes and foster care facilities; and makes adequate provisions for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community. It has been updated to include the most recent data and to meet newly adopted requirements for goals and policies.

- The Capital Facilities and Utilities Element (which is now a combined Element) consists of an inventory of current capital facilities owned by public entities, showing the locations and capacities of the public facilities; a forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities; and a six-year plan that will finance capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies sources of public money for such purposes. It also includes required inventories and planning for utilities. It was updated based on recent data and new applicable requirements.
- The Transportation Element contains a description of existing transportation conditions, travel forecasts, service standards and analysis, transportation recommendations, and defines the existing and future transportation vision for Orting. Updates include the incorporation of recent data (as available) and any new applicable requirements.

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 2024 Periodic Update to the City of Orting's Comprehensive Plan is specific to the city's limits (Portions of Sections 19, 29, 30, and 31 of Township 19N/Range 4E; Sections 5 and 6 of Township 18N/Range 5E; and Sections 24 and 24 of Township 19N/Range 5E).

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions²](#)

a. General description of the site:

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

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

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The area within Orting city limits is generally flat, with a small portion of steep slopes in the southern portion of the City.

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

A small portion of the southern area of the City has slopes in excess of 30%.

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.

Orting Loam, silt, silty sand with gravel, and gravel. This is a nonproject action that will not result directly in soil removal.

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

Certain areas are susceptible to settlement and/or liquefaction. Portions of the City that contain steep slopes (southeastern area) may be more susceptible to settlement and/or liquefaction.

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.

No filling or grading is expected as a direct result of this nonproject action. Project level development proposals will be evaluated on an individual basis.

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

This is a nonproject action. Each project application will be evaluated for consistency with codified City regulations and will be subject to City conditions of approval.

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

This is a nonproject action. Each project application will be evaluated for consistency with codified City regulations and will be subject to City conditions of approval.

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

None; this is a nonproject action that will not cause erosion. Therefore, no measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth are needed or proposed. Future applications for project actions will be evaluated individually for necessary erosion control measures to reduce or control erosion.

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.**

Not applicable; this is a nonproject action and, therefore, will not yield emissions to the air.

- 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 nonproject action and, therefore, will not be affected by off-site sources of emissions or odor.

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

None; this is a nonproject action that will not impact the air. Therefore, no measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air are needed or proposed. The Comprehensive Plan contains a Natural Environment Element which includes policies intended to frame local governance that would mitigate air quality impacts for project action proposals.

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.**

The City sits between the Puyallup and Carbon rivers, and contains wetlands, some of which are associated with the river shoreline areas. The City contains one shoreline designation, Urban Conservancy, located along the west and east perimeters of the City. Both rivers flow from Mt. Rainier to the Puget Sound.

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.**

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

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

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/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

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No work is required as a result of this nonproject action. Individual projects are regulated by the Orting Municipal Code, Critical Areas Ordinance, and Shoreline Master Program to protect shorelines, surface waters, and critical areas.

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Yes, portions of the City adjacent to the Carbon and Puyallup rivers lie within regulated floodplain areas.

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁶](#)

- 1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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.**

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-Groundwater>

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Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not impact surface, ground, and runoff water, or drainage patterns. Thus, no measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water or drainage patterns are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features. The Comprehensive Plan's Natural Environment Element frames the City's goals and policies, including those aimed at protecting ground, surface, and runoff water and drainage patterns.

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: Ornamental landscaping vegetation.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

None known.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

There are no noxious weeds indicated in Orting per the Washington State Noxious Weed Data Viewer.

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.

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

Salmon and trout species, other freshwater fish, little brown bat, deer, birds of prey, songbirds, and small mammals.

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

Per Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Priority Habitat Species map, Orting is home to the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), and the Carbon and Puyallup rivers are home to several salmonid and trout species.

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

Yes, the site is part of the Pacific Flyway, a bird migration route spanning from Canada to Mexico.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not impact wildlife. Thus, no measures to reduce or control impacts to wildlife are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes.

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

None known.

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

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.**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

- 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 is a non-project action and, therefore, will not impact energy conservation features. Thus, no measures to reduce or control impacts to energy conservation features are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)⁹

- 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.**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Ecology's "What's in my Neighborhood" map has identified several contamination sites in Orting at various stages of cleanup:

Baxter Manufacturing: Cleanup Started

110 Train St SE: Cleanup Started

Key Bank Orting Branch: Cleanup Started

Orting Exxon: Cleanup Started

L&M Restaurant Firehouse: No Further Action

Orting School District Property: No further Action

⁸ <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>

⁹ <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>

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Johns Orting Texaco: No Further Action

Orting Auto Repair & Towing LLC: No Further Action

215 Van Scoyoc Ave: No Further Action

Orting Feed and Supply: Awaiting Cleanup

Puget Power Electron Power: Awaiting Cleanup

- 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.**

Natural gas transmission lines are installed throughout the City and managed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The proposed non-project action will not interfere with, access, disturb, or otherwise impact PSE's natural gas transmission lines.

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not hazard the health of the environment. Thus, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes.

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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not generate noise. Thus, no measures to reduce or control impacts to noise are needed or proposed. Future

project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹⁰

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

- 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?**

Yes, Orting allows for urban agriculture uses and the areas has been historically used for agriculture, but no agricultural or forest land will be converted as this is a nonproject action.

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Orting's Urban Conservancy shoreline master program designation lies along the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers within the City's jurisdiction.

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

¹⁰ <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>

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Yes, the City contains floodplains, wetlands, steep slopes, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. Critical areas are discussed in the Natural Environment Element of the Comprehensive Plan and are regulated via the City's Critical Area Ordinance and Shoreline Master Program.

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

Orting is home to 9,125 people as of April 2024 and is anticipated to grow to 9,450 by 2044.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not generate noise. Thus, no measures to reduce or control impacts to noise are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes. The Housing Element includes measures to ensure adequate housing capacity is being provided.

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

This is a non-project action and, therefore, will not generate incompatibility with existing and projected land uses and plans. Thus, no measures to reduce or control land use incompatibility are needed or proposed. Future project action proposals would be reviewed individually and would be required, as needed, to reduce or control impacts to these features to comply with germane regulations adopted by the City of Orting or other statutes. No changes to zoning designations have been made as a component of the Comprehensive Plan update.

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

None are needed or proposed; this non-project action will not affect agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹¹

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

¹¹ <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.**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

None are needed or proposed; this non-project action will not affect housing. Policies and goals have been incorporated in the updated Comprehensive Plan to encourage the expansion of housing availability and affordability in Orting.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹²

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Because this non-project action will not impact aesthetics, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are needed or proposed.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹³

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

As this non-project action will not impact aesthetics, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are needed or proposed.

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

Orting contains various parks and recreational opportunities:

3 Corner Park is a Mini Park located at 404 Harmon Way S. On the corner of Harmon Way & Corrin Ave SW. This park features plants, a walkway and a couple of benches.

Calistoga Park is a Neighborhood Park located at 802 Calistoga St W. Off of Calistoga St W & Skinner Way SW. This park features a gravel parking area, access to the Puyallup River, a baseball field, a big toy with swings and a dog park fenced area.

Charter Park is a Neighborhood Park located at 425 Washington Ave SE. Off of Washington Ave SE (by the Public Safety Building). This park features a paved parking area, skateboard area, dirt hills for jumping your bicycle, an open grass area, benches and a picnic area. This park also provides a place to park and walk the Foothills Trail or go down to the river.

Gratzer Sports Park is a Community Park located at 401 Whitehawk Blvd NW. Off of Whitehawk Blvd NW. This park features a softball field, a baseball field and a gravel parking area. These fields are used by Orting Parks and Recreation programs, and are also available to reserve.

Main City Park is a Community Park located in the downtown area; the park features two sections. The first section located at 101 Train St SW has a play area with a big toy and swings, built by the volunteers, public restrooms, benches, picnic tables, trees, plantings, horseshoe pits, a memorial wall, a gravel parking area and a covered area that is available for reservations. The second section located at 102 Train St SW is the area where the basketball court is, with trees, plantings, benches, and a gazebo that is available for reservations.

Memorial Park is a Mini Park located at 104 Whitesell St NW. This park features some plantings, a bench, a small walkway and a memorial rock listing many Orting natives.

North Park is a Community Park located at 101 Washington Ave NW. Off of Washington Ave NW and Calistoga St W. This park features paved parking, a fountain, a brick area with bollards, an open grass area, trees, a rain garden and the Orting Station Building that is available for reservations.

Rainier Meadows Park is a Neighborhood Park that is located at 511 Brown St SE in the middle of the housing development featuring a play area, a small basketball court, benches, a small walking trail and an open grass area.

Foothills Trail is a regional trail that runs through the City of Orting. This is a paved trail with a horse equestrian trail that runs alongside. The Foothills Trail has many access points to enjoy a nice walk, bike ride, horse ride or to access the river, and currently spans from Puyallup to Enumclaw, WA.

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Triangle Park is a Mini Park that is located at 312 River Ave SE on the corner of Bridge St SE and Varner St SE. This park features trees, benches and a small open grass area.

Whitehawk Park is a Neighborhood Park located at 409 Orting Ave NW. This park features a paved parking area, a basketball court, a big grassy area (used by Orting Parks & Recreation for some of their programs), a grass youth baseball field, a big toy, benches and picnic tables.

Williams Park is a Mini Park located at 1116-A Ross Ave NW and features plantings, picnic tables and benches.

In addition, the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers are both salmon-bearing and are used for fishing.

A levee was recently built along the Puyallup River and is used by runners, walkers, cyclists, and other recreationists.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Recreation is addressed in the PTOS plan, adopted by reference in the Comprehensive Plan. This non-project action will not impact recreation, and so no measures to reduce or control recreational impacts are needed or proposed.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁴

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.

There are several parcels listed for reconnaissance by Pierce County for the Historic Survey, but no buildings have been identified in Pierce County's historic building data. The Washington Information System for Architectural and Archeological Records Data (WISAARD) maintained by the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) identifies two eligible properties and a heritage barn in Orting.

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.

Orting contains several General Land Office (GLO) trails, and much of Orting is identified as moderate to very high risk for archeological resources. GLO's trails are trails that

¹⁴ <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>

were identified by DAHP as having potentially been used as Native American avenues of travel.

- 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.**

The DAHP WISAARD mapping tool and Pierce County GIS data were used.

- 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 nonproject action would not disturb cultural or historic resources; therefore, no measures to reduce or control impacts to these resources are needed or proposed. Individual projects will be reviewed for potential cultural and historical resources specific to that site. Individual projects proposals must notify DAHP if any cultural or archeological objects are found during the site development work. All site work must stop until DAHP provides guidance.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁵

- 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.**

Washington State Highway 162 (Washington Blvd.) is the primarily-used thoroughfare in and out of Orting. Additional roads and their classifications are mapped and included in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

- 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?**

Orting is not currently served by public transit service. Neighboring cities, including Puyallup, Pacific, and Bonney Lake have the nearest public transit services.

- 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).**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action. Planned infrastructural improvements to be performed by the City of Orting are included in its 6-year Capital Improvements Program and Transportation Improvements Program.

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

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

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None of these transportation types occur within the vicinity of Orting, nor would a non-project action use any form of 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?**

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Not applicable; this is not a proposal for a project action.

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

Transportation impacts are addressed in the Transportation Element.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁶](#)

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

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

This nonproject action would not directly impact public services; thus, no measures to reduce or control proposed measures are needed or proposed. The capacity of public services to serve anticipated growth in Orting is described in the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁷](#)

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

All listed utilities above are available throughout the City of Orting.

- 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 not a proposal for a project action.

¹⁶ <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>

¹⁷ <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](#)¹⁸

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.



Type name of signee: Kimberly A. Mahoney

Position and agency/organization: Director, City of Orting Community Development Department

Date submitted: September 16, 2024

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)¹⁹

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?

As a non-project action, the proposal will not increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. Projected population growth and associated development could increase the impacts to water, air, and noise regardless of the draft Comprehensive Plan updates, and these development activities will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts and required to mitigate for those impacts.

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

In order to prevent and reduce negative impacts to water from future development, the Natural Element of this update includes a discussion of Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas. The Natural Element also includes goals and policies to establish guidance for the protection and enhancement of water and air quality. In addition to the State

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

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Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and applicable state regulations (such as the Washington State Clean Air Act), the Orting Critical Areas Ordinance and Shoreline Master Program are the implementing codes that must be met by all future development. Future proposed projects will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts.

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

No increase to impacts is anticipated as a direct result of this Comprehensive Plan Update. Future proposed projects will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts.

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

The new Natural Element of the Comprehensive Plan includes a discussion of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, and a discussion of wetlands.

Further, all site specific projects are required to comply with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the protection of endangered species.

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

No increase to impacts is anticipated as a direct result of this Comprehensive Plan Update. Future proposed projects will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts. Projected population growth and associated development could increase demand for energy and natural resources regardless of the draft Comprehensive Plan updates.

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

The proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan supports the natural resource protection principles articulated in the Growth Management Act and plans for conservation of energy. There are no designated forest or agriculture resource areas in the City.

Future proposed projects will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts.

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?

No increase to impacts is anticipated as a direct result of this Comprehensive Plan Update.

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

The update to the Comprehensive Plan provides a policy framework for the enhancement and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas and areas designated for governmental protection.

Additionally, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas are established and mapped to protect habitats for federal or state endangered, threatened, sensitive, candidate, and priority species of fish, wildlife or plants, following best available science. These areas are considered worth protecting not only for the health of fish and wildlife species but because the habitats themselves help improve water quality,

increase soil health, and affect hydrology which results in a reduction of flooding. The City regulates development in or near these habitats.

Any future development located within or adjacent to designated Environmentally Critical Areas will be subject to Orting's Critical Areas Ordinance and/or its Shoreline Master Program.

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

The Comprehensive Plan sets the framework for land use and is required to be consistent with other plans.

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

The Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan update considers the general distribution and location of land use categories within the framework of the Land Use Map for the next 20 years.

Impacts to shorelines can be mitigated through the Shoreline Master Program, which establishes policies and regulations that protect the shoreline consistent with the Shoreline Management Act.

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

As a non-project action, the update to the Comprehensive Plan will not directly increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

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

The Transportation Element provides an analysis of existing transportation and circulation facilities, the ability for those facilities to meet increased demand from increased population, and goals, policies, and strategies for meeting that demand over the 20 year period. The Transportation Element additionally provides direction for the update and implementing measures, including the 6-year Transportation Improvement Program.

The Capital Facilities and Utilities Element provides a discussion of the existing facilities and services in the City, the methods of determining whether those facilities meet current needs, and whether future needs will be met by existing facilities and how to address shortfalls that may occur. It also includes discussions of utility consumption and providers. The regulations help further the goal to ensure that the energy, communication, and solid waste disposal facilities and services needed to support current and future development are available when they are needed.

Future proposed projects will be individually reviewed for site-specific impacts.

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

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It is not the intent of the updated Comprehensive Plan to conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The Plan includes many strategies, goals, and policies intended to protect the environment and has been reviewed for consistency with the Washington Growth Management Act. Further, all development projects will be required to comply with the City's Critical Areas Ordinance and all relevant local, state, and federal laws regarding the protection of the environment.