

Town of Friday Harbor

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

WAC 197-11-960

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Friday Harbor Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan

2. Name of applicant:

Duncan Wilson, Town Administrator

Town of Friday Harbor

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

Applicant

Duncan Wilson, Town Administrator

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4. Date checklist prepared: April 30, 2013

5. Agency requesting checklist: Washington State Department of Ecology

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

This checklist addresses a non-project proposal to establish a long-range plan for solid and moderate-risk waste management in the Town of Friday Harbor.

On April 25, 2013, the draft plan was sent to the Department of Ecology for technical review.

On May 8, 2013, it was made available for public review and comment. It was sent specifically to:

- the Friday Harbor Town Council
- members of the Friday Harbor Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
- the San Juan County Health Department, and
- the general public via internet, press release, and copies placed at the public information desk at the Friday Harbor Town administrative offices and the San Juan Island Public Library.

The review and adoption process includes a public workshop before the Town Council and review by the Town SWAC. Following public and agency review and comment, the final draft plan will be corrected in response to technical review and given to the Town Council for resolution of adoption. The Town's adopted final draft plan will then be transmitted to the State Department of Ecology for final review. Following Ecology approval, the final plan may be implemented.

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

Using the date of the State Department of Ecology approval, the Plan will be reviewed and potentially updated every five years. Amendments to the plan are subject to the public review process.

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

None

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.

Any agency or group proposing to redevelop the Sutton Road transfer facility will be required to obtain a solid waste handling permit from the San Juan County Health Department before the Town may use a tipping floor to deliver packer truck loads of waste to that facility.

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

Adoption by the Friday Harbor Town Council and acceptance by the State Department of Ecology are necessary prior to implementation of this 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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The Town of Friday Harbor intends to adopt its first plan to manage solid and moderate risk waste management plan. The draft plan promotes waste reduction policies and recommends that the Town public works department continue to collect source separated waste within the town limits and deliver it to legal transfer facilities in San Juan or Skagit County. Further, the plan recommends that the Town administration continue to support and participate in San Juan County hazardous waste programs to remove moderate risk waste from the town and island.

The proposed plan and its adoption process amount to a non-project action to adopt a plan to guide policy for solid and moderate-risk waste management for and within the Town of Friday Harbor.

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, and TAX PARCEL number. 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.

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<p>B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS</p>	
<p>1. Earth</p>	
<p>a. General description of the site (circle one):</p> <p>Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other Not applicable</p>	
<p>b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>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 prime farmland.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Not applicable	
h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: Not applicable	
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2. Air a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. Not applicable	
b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. NO	
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: Not applicable	
3. Water a. Surface 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	
2) Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach plans. NO	
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	
4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. Not applicable	
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5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. NO	

<p>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.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>b. Ground:</p> <p>1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>NO</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>c. Water runoff (including stormwater):</p> <p>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? NO. If so, describe.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>NO</p>	
<p>3) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:</p> <p>Not applicable. The Town will continue to monitor groundwater at the closed Sutton Road landfill and the proposed project will not adversely affect the groundwater on the site.</p>	
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<p>4. Plants</p> <p>a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:</p> <p>NOT APPLICABLE. A NON-PROJECT ACTION IS PROPOSED</p> <p>_____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other</p> <p>_____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other</p> <p>_____ shrubs</p> <p>_____ grass</p> <p>_____ pasture</p> <p>_____ crop or grain</p> <p>_____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other</p> <p>_____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other</p> <p>_____ other types of vegetation</p>	
<p>b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	

<p>d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: None</p>	
<p>5. Animals NOT APPLICABLE. A non-project, non site-specific action is proposed. a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site: Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: _____ Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other _____ Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____</p>	
<p>b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. Not applicable</p>	
<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. Not applicable</p>	
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: Not applicable</p>	
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<p>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</p>	
<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? NO If so, generally describe. Not applicable</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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. NO</p>	
<p>1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. Not applicable</p>	
<p>2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: Not applicable</p>	
<p>b. Noise 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example:</p>	

<p>traffic, equipment, operation, other)?</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>No increase in collection routes for solid waste management are proposed.</p>	
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<p>3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:</p> <p>Not applicable. Any noise will be extremely brief and is already common due to the existing garbage route collection.</p>	
<p>8. Land and shoreline use</p> <p>a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>c. Describe any structures on the site.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>d. Will any structures be demolished?</p> <p>NO.</p>	
<p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?</p> <p>Not applicable. The town has multiple urban zoning designations, and the plan is a non-project action.</p>	
<p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?</p> <p>Not applicable. The town has multiple urban planning designations and hte</p>	
<p>g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.</p> <p>NO</p>	
<p>i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>	
<p>j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>	
<p>l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>	

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<p>9. Housing</p> <p>a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. None</p>	
<p>b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. None</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: Not applicable.</p>	
<p>10. Aesthetics</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None. Not applicable.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: Not applicable.</p>	
<p>11. Light and glare</p> <p>a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? None</p>	
<p>b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? Not applicable.</p>	
<p>c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? Not applicable.</p>	
<p>d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts. Not applicable.</p>	
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<p>12. Recreation</p> <p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? Not applicable.</p>	
<p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. NO.</p>	

<p>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.</p>	
<p>13. Historic and cultural preservation</p> <p>a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. Not applicable.</p>	
<p>b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. Not applicable.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: Not applicable.</p>	
<p>14. Transportation</p> <p>a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Not applicable.</p>	
<p>b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? No. Not applicable.</p>	
<p>c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? None.</p>	
<p>d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). NO</p>	
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<p>e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. The plan includes potential transport to Skagit County, using the Washington state ferries.</p>	
<p>f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. Not applicable. New vehicular trips are not proposed.</p>	
<p>g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: Not applicable</p>	
<p>15. Public services</p> <p>a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. NO. The Town of Friday Harbor currently provides source-separated solid waste collection services to properties within its boundaries.</p>	

<p>b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. Not applicable</p>	
<p>16. Utilities a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. Not applicable</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____</p>	
<p>TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS SHEET FOR PROJECT ACTIONS</p>	<p>EVALUATION FOR AGENCY USE ONLY</p>
<p>D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (do not use this sheet for project actions)</p> <p>Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>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? No increased discharges to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise are anticipated from adoption and implementation of the plan.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A</p>	
<p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? Adoption and implementation of the plan are unlikely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life,</p>	

<p>other than that continued appropriate handling and disposal of waste will protect their health.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: N/A</p>	
<p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The adoption of the plan shows no potential to deplete energy or natural resources.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: N/A</p>	
<p>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? Adoption of the plan is unlikely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A</p>	
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<p>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? Adoption of the plan is unlikely to affect land or shoreline use or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A</p>	
<p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? Adoption of the plan is unlikely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. No new systems are proposed.</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A</p>	
<p>7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Adoption of the Friday Harbor Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management plan will not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____</p>	