

# CITY OF BOTHELL

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### State Environmental Policy Act DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE FOR NON-PROJECT ACTION

**Description of proposal:** The City of Bothell is proposing an update to the City of Bothell Water System Plan which provides a planning strategy for the City's water utility over 10-year and 20-year planning periods. The Plan has been prepared consistent with Department of Health requirements as specified in the Washington Administrative Code Chapter 246-290. It is used as a resource by the System and state regulatory agencies. The plan describes management, standards, policies, service area, geography, quality, infrastructure, operations, and finance of the System. The Plan will replace the 2012 City of Bothell Water System Plan. The City's water service area is approximately 18,102 people with a total of 8,134 connections in 2018. Based on anticipated population growth, the water service population is expected to be 22,874 in 2030. The City contracted with Gray and Osborne Incorporated consulting engineers to produce the Plan document.

The State Environmental Policy Act requires a threshold determination of environmental impact be issued assessing the probable significant adverse environmental impacts of this proposal. Any questions regarding the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) processing of this application (environmental review) should be directed to K. Jones Sorensen, Planner, in the Bothell Department of Community Development email: [jones.sorensen@bothellwa.gov](mailto:jones.sorensen@bothellwa.gov).

**Project Name:** City of Bothell Water System Plan Update 2021

**Proponent:** Boyd Benson, Utilities and Development Division Manager  
Public Works Department  
City of Bothell, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall  
18415 101<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Bothell WA 98011

**Project Location:** City water service area does not cover the full City jurisdiction and serves a smaller area of the City in both Snohomish and King County areas.

**Case Number:** SEP2021-19221

**Lead Agency:** City of Bothell

**Mitigating Measures:** The City of Bothell codes governing traffic impacts, critical areas protection, aesthetic impacts, land use, performance standards, construction and improvement of City streets, drainage control and building codes will provide for substantial mitigation of impacts identified in the environmental checklist. The City of Bothell will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

**Environmental Impact:** The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that a threshold determination of environmental impact be issued assessing the probable significant adverse environmental impacts of this proposal.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was

made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

**Responsible Official:** Jeffrey N. Smith  
**Position/title:** Development Services Manager  
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**Email and Phone:** [jeff.smith@bothellwa.gov](mailto:jeff.smith@bothellwa.gov); 425-806-6400

**Issue Date:** February 11, 2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

**Comments and Appeals:** You may comment on this determination in writing, electronically or otherwise, to the SEPA Responsible Official at the contact information above. Comments should concern issues of environmental impact of the project. You may register an appeal of this determination by filing such appeal at the same location identified above. **Comments and appeals must be received no later than 5:00 PM on March 4, 2022.**

Public hearings of such appeals will be scheduled upon analysis of the filed appeal. Notice of the time and date of such hearing will be issued separately and within 30 days of the date of the hearing, when such date is established.

With respect to any appeal, you should be prepared to make specific, factual objections. SEPA appeals must be submitted precisely as outlined and detailed in BMC Title 14.02 and BMC Title 11 including payment of the applicable appeal fee. Contact K. Jones Sorensen, Planner, email at [jones.sorensen@bothellwa.gov](mailto:jones.sorensen@bothellwa.gov) at the Department of Community Development to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

The issuance of this DNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of the subject proposal as presented. It only assesses the degree of environmental impact and any mitigation required to reduce that impact below a level of significance. The City of Bothell, in its review for consistency with the requirements of adopted land use codes, reserves the right to approve, deny or condition the proposal pursuant to code.