



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)

West Hylebos Creek Gravel Removal File No: 23-103001-SE

The City of Federal Way has determined that the following project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, provided the mitigation measures identified in the MDNS are met, and an *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS) 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 city. This information is available to the public by request at <https://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1962>.

Proposed Action:

Proposed removal of approximately 100 cubic yards of streambed gravel from under and near a bridge on S 373rd St. in Federal Way that spans West Hylebos Creek. The proposed work would be along an appx. 200 ft. stretch of the streambed. The project is proposed as a result of a bridge inspection report received in December 2022 from Washington State Department of Transportation. The report requests the City of Federal Way dredge the West Hylebos Creek underneath the South 373rd Street bridge so that the bridge can be inspected. Since the last gravel removal operation, a significant amount of gravel has been re-deposited leaving the clearance underneath the bridge less than 12 inches.

To complete the work, West Hylebos Creek will be diverted via bypass pump as to minimize turbid water. All construction equipment will work from paved area of S 373rd St and no adjacent areas/landscape will be disturbed by dredging activity. All dredging will be completed within the same footprint as past years.

Proponent: City of Federal Way Public Works Department; 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98063. Attn. John Cole; 253-835-2718; john.cole@cityoffederalway.com

Location: S 373rd St. approximately 1,050 ft east of Pacific Hwy S at and near a bridge over W Hylebos Creek.

Lead Agency: City of Federal Way

SEPA Responsible Official: Keith Niven, Community Development Director, 253-835-2612; keith.niven@cityoffederalway.com

MITIGATION MEASURES (SUMMARY):

- 1) Comply with all recommendations from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) included with the required Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) for this proposed dredging work.

Further information regarding this action is available to the public upon request or on the city website: <https://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1962>. Contact Senior Planner Evan Lewis at 253-835-2646, or evan.lewis@cityoffederalway.com. This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **July 28, 2023**. Email comments should be directed to the point of contact or to planning@cityoffederalway.com.

Unless modified by the city, this determination will become final following the above comment deadline. Any person aggrieved of the city's final determination may file an appeal. Anyone may appeal this determination to the Federal Way City Clerk (33325 8th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003), no later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 18, 2023**, by a written letter stating the reason for the appeal of the determination along with the required appeal fee. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. All appeals shall contain a specific statement of reasons why the decision of the responsible official is alleged to be in error.

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