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Determination of Non-Significance

Name of Proposal: Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project
Project 021643

Description of Proposal:

King County and the City of Seattle are jointly proposing to restore and enhance salmon and wildlife habitat along the lower 0.5 mile of the Tolt River by reconnecting the river to a portion of its historic floodplain. Reconnecting the lower river with its floodplain will dramatically improve habitat conditions within the river and floodplain area as new, more complex habitats form and as existing habitats within the floodplain area have a more direct connection to the river.

The general project components include removal of approximately 2460 feet of levee along the right bank of the Tolt River, construction of a setback levee roughly 800 feet behind the existing levee, placement of large woody debris to diffuse energy and encourage the formation of desired habitat features, excavation of a new outlet channel in the floodplain, and floodplain planting. The project will also include construction of parking areas and interpretive and recreational elements to offset loss of the existing levee road and alterations to existing recreational uses in the Tolt River-John MacDonald Park.

Location of Proposal:

The project is located along the north bank of the lower 0.5 mile of the Tolt River, in the Tolt River-John MacDonald Park just south of Carnation. This location is otherwise described as the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian.

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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 (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (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, or at the following website: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/cposa/tolt-restoration/>

This DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **July 28, 2006**. Comments must be submitted by that date. There is no King County administrative appeal of this determination. Any appeals to this project must be filed in King County Superior Court.

For additional information, please contact:

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