

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

### City of Oak Harbor Wastewater Treatment Facility

#### APPLICATION: SEPA Environmental Checklist SEP-13-00004

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:** A SEPA environmental checklist for the proposed City of Oak Harbor Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan has been submitted by Lisa Adolfsen of ESA, a consultant for the City on this project. The SEPA checklist review is a necessary step in the City's application for Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (SRF). The review of projects for potential environmental impacts of construction projects financed through SRF is referred to as State Environmental Review Process (SERP). The proposed project is to replace the current wastewater treatment facilities with a new 3.9 million gallon per day (mgd) wastewater treatment facility located on 4 acres in the vicinity of Windjammer Park inside city limits. The City's wastewater system is designed to serve approximately 24,000 people within the City and the Navy Seaplane Base. A Facility Plan has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for review and approval. Several aspects of the facility design and treatment quality have been finalized; however some items such as a precise location are still under development. Further refinement in design of the treatment plant will follow later this year, following selection of a site. This wastewater facility, collection system, and outfall are being designed to accommodate flows projected through 2030, and be expandable to accommodate flows projected through 2060. Construction of the treatment plant is proposed to begin in mid-2015 and last for approximately 2 years. Outfall construction is proposed to begin in the late summer of 2014 and last for approximately 3 months.

The SEPA environmental checklist and associated documents for the proposal are available for review at the City of Oak Harbor's Development Services Department, located in City Hall. For more information, please call (360) 279-4510.

**SEPA COMMENT PERIOD:** To make written comments, please mail or hand-deliver specific comments to: City of Oak Harbor, Development Services Department, 865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, no later than **August 22, 2013**. If you have questions regarding this proposal or would like to receive a copy of the SEPA environmental checklist, please contact the Development Services Department at (360) 279-4510, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIRED:** The SERP requires public participation in addition to the 14 day comment period provided through the SEPA process. A public meeting to describe the preferred alternative and the environment, technical and financial issues of the project is tentatively scheduled for the City Council meeting of September 17, 2013, beginning at 6:00 pm.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND/OR STUDIES APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT:

**ESTIMATED DATE OF DECISION:** It is anticipated that a SEPA determination will be made at the end of the comment period. At that time, another comment period will be opened on the SEPA determination.

To receive notification of the decision on this proposal, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and request a Notification of Decision for SEPA environmental checklist SEP-13-00004 from the City of Oak Harbor, Development Services Department, 865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

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