WAC 197-11-970 Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal <u>The City of Tonasket is proposing to adopt an updated Park and Recreation Plan in order to maintain eligibility for Recreation Conservation Office Grant Funding</u>.

Proponent <u>City of Tonasket</u>

Location of proposal, including street address, if any All Tonasket City Parks.

Lead agency City of Tonasket

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 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.

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☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.
\square This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
✓ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by <u>February 15, 2022.</u>
Responsible official Alice Attwood
Position/title Clerk/Treasurer Phone. 509 486 2132
Address P.O. Box 487, Tonasket, WA 98855 Date 2/3/22 Signature Atturbus
(OPTIONAL)
✓ You may appeal this determination to (name) <u>City Clerk/Treasurer</u> at (location) <u>City of Tonasket</u> no later than (date) <u>2/15/22</u> by (method) <u>in writing</u>
You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact Kurt Danison, City Planner to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.
☐ There is no agency appeal.

SEPA environmental checklist

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (part D)</u>. Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [help]

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: *City of Tonasket adoption of updated Park and Recreation Plan.*
- 2. Name of applicant: City of Tonasket
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

 Alice Attwood

 City Clerk

 City of Tonasket

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- 4. Date checklist prepared: 2/1/2022
- 5. Agency requesting checklist: RCO
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): City Council will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2022 and is expected to adopt the updated plan following the hearing.
- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. The city is required to update the plan every 6 years in order to maintain eligibility for grant funding from the state Recreation and Conservation Office.
- 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. *The 2011 Park Plan, which this project is updating, was subject to SEPA review at the time of adoption.*
- 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. No, there are no current activities requiring permitting at any of the City's parks.
- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. *The updated plan must be approved by the state Recreation and Conservation Office.*
- 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 park plan provides goals and policies for the maintenance, operation and development of the City's Park resources, contains and inventory of the existing system, provides and analysis of needs and demand and describes a six-year action plan and a six-year capital improvement plan.

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. 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. The incorporated City of Tonasket is located on the Okanogan River approximately 20 miles south of the Canadian border. The City is about 160 miles northwest of Spokane and 260 east of Seattle. The elevation is 940' at City Hall.

B. Environmental Elements [help]

- Earth [help]
- a. General description of the site: (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other The City is located at the confluence of Siwash and Bonaparte Creeks and the Okanogan River. The downtown area is generally flat with the land rising to the east bracketed by the two creek valleys.
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? The steepest slopes exceed 45% and are limited to several small areas on the eastern edge of the City.
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? *Many different types of soils are found in Tonasket and the immediately adjacent area. For the most part soils are permeable and erosion is low to moderate.*

If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. Soils here are classified as Farmland of statewide importance and Prime farmland if irrigated. However, the plan addresses designated city parks with future use being that of recreation.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **No.**
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. Adoption of an updated Park Plan is a non-project action and does not involve any filling or grading. However, actions taken subsequent to adoption could involve ground disturbing activities. As these projects commence, further SEPA review and compliance will be required. Until that time, it is difficult to estimate the need for fill and grading.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. The updated Park Plan will not have a direct impact on erosion, although

development subsequent to adoption could involve clearing and construction. At the time such actions are proposed, further SEPA review and compliance) will be required.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? As a non-project action, adoption of the updated Park Plan does not change the amount of impervious surface. Development subsequent to adoption will introduce impervious surface to project sites, but the amount cannot be estimated at this time. Any such developments will be required to comply with city zoning and/or shoreline regulations that limit the amount of impervious surfaces.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: *Approval of the updated Park Plan is a non-project action and does not require any such measures.*

2. Air [help]

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. No emissions to the air will result from adoption of the updated Park Plan. If emissions should result from development subsequent to adoption, these impacts will be identified under additional SEPA review and compliance prior to development.
- 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: **As** a non-project action, the adoption of the updated Park Plan does not require measures to address emissions.

3. Water [help]

- a. Surface Water: [help]
 - 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. There are two bodies of water in Tonasket: the Okanogan River, a Shoreline of Statewide Significance which runs through the center of City on its way to joining the Columbia River approximately 60 miles downstream; and Bonaparte Creek which is the southern boundary of the City. There is a small area of wetlands just south of the city along the Okanogan River.
 - 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. No, however portions of History and Chief Tonasket Parks are within 200' of the Okanogan River. Existing and some planned activities will continue within these shoreline areas.

- 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. No filling or dredging of wetlands or surface water will result from adoption of the updated Park Plan.
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. *No.*
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. A significant portion of the community lies between US 97 and the Okanogan River lie within the 100-year floodplain with both Chief Tonasket and History Parks have areas subject to flooding.
- 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. **No**.

b. Ground Water: [help]

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **No**.
- 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. *None*.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 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? If so, describe. **Not applicable.**
- Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.No.
- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. *No*.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: *Adoption of updated Park Plan is a non-project action and does not require any such measures.*

4. Plants [help]

- Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

 X deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 X evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 X shrubs
 X grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 X other types of vegetation: various indigenous vegetation and noxious
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? None.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. No terrestrial species known. The listed upper Columbia steelhead is found in the Okanogan River.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: Adoption of updated Park Plan is a non-project action and does not include any such measures.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. Russian thistle, Russian knapweed, puncturevine and diffuse knapweed can be found in in the community.

5. Animals [help]

weeds

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

birds: <u>hawk, eagle, songbirds, quail, and variety of other birds</u>
mammals: <u>humans, domestic pets, deer, coyote, raccoons, and variety of</u>
rodents

fish: variety of fish and invertebrate species

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. *The before mentioned upper Columbia Steelhead in the Okanogan River.*
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. The Okanogan River provides passage for several species of anadromous fish that spawn in the upper reaches of the Okanogan River and several smaller tributaries.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: *None.*
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None known.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

- 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. Adoption of updated Park Plan does not involve use of energy resources. As development occurs under the plan, these impacts will be reviewed in further SEPA checklists.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. **No**
- 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: *The adoption of updated Park Plan does not directly address energy conservation measures.*

7. Environmental Health [help]

- 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, adoption of updated Park Plan will not directly result in any environmental health hazards.**
 - Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. None known.
 - Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. *None known.*
 - Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. None anticipated.
 - Describe special emergency services that might be required. None anticipated.
 - Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
 None anticipated.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? *Usual noises associated with a community.*
- 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. *None.*
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: None.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. Tonasket's parks are located in a variety of environments. The two largest parks are located within the shoreline of the Okanogan River, one in an industrial area, the other a residential area. Other parks are adjacent to US 97 or located in residential neighborhoods.
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or non-forest use? *Portions of the City and its UGA have been and will continue to be used for agriculture, however very little occurs within the planning area. No park site has been used for agriculture.*
 - 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: **No.**
- c. Describe any structures on the site. Structures in the parks consist of restroom buildings, picnic shelters, skate features, swimming pool, bathhouse, playground equipment and other small structures.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? No structures are planned to be demolished in relation to adoption of updated Park Plan.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? The City presently contains five zoning classifications Residential Low and Residential Medium, Commercial 1 and Commercial 2 and Industrial district. City parks are presently zoned Public Use.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? The comprehensive Plan contains that following land use designations: Retail Commercial; Service Commercial; Tourist Commercial; Multi-Family Residential; Single Family Residential; Single/Multi-Family Residential; Public and Industrial. The proposed updates create three additional designations; Airport; Mixed Use; and Rural Residential. All parks are designated as "public use".
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? Shoreline Designations within the City under the existing SMP include Urban, Suburban and Conservancy. Portions of the UGA are designated as Rural. The updated SMP uses the following designations: High Intensity (Urban), Shoreline Residential (Suburban), Urban Conservancy (Conservancy), Shoreline Recreation, Natural and Aquatic. The parks within the shoreline area are both designated "suburban" in the City's adopted SMP.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. *Two city parks lie within the shoreline area with portions in a flood*

hazard area, limited fish & wildlife habitat and aquifer recharge.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
 None.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **None.**
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: None.
- I. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: **None.**
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: **None.**

9. Housing [help]

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *None.*
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *None.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: *None.*

10. Aesthetics [help]

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? *The non-project action does not directly address types of structures.*
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **None.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: None.

11. Light and Glare [help]

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? This non-project action will not directly result in additional light or glare.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? **No.**
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? None.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: None.

12. Recreation [help]

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate

vicinity? The City of Tonasket has eleven city parks covering 110 acres, which include a public swimming pool, recreational vehicle and spectator sports facilities.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. **No.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: **Adoption of this plan is intended to address recreation opportunities in the community.**

13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. *Presently the City has no properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, State Register of Historic Places, nor listed as eligible for listing in the National Register.*
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. Currently there are no designated archaeological sites within Tonasket's planning area that have been identified by the Washington State office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) as having historic interest.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.. As appropriate the City will require consultation with state, federal and tribal entities, survey or other investigation as needed.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. *All future ground disturbing activities and structural alterations will be individually reviewed for possible impacts*

14. Transportation [help]

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. US
 97 is the primary corridor serving planning area. See Exhibit A for map
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **Yes, weekday public transit is available in Tonasket.**
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? *None.*

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **No.**
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. The City of Tonasket has access to highway (US 97 and SR 20), rail (twice weekly) and air (general aviation) transportation facilities.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? **Not applicable.**
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. **No.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: None.

15. Public Services [help]

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **No.**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **None.**

16. Utilities [help]

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site (underlined and bolded):

Electricity,	natural ga	s, water,	refuse s	service,	telephone,	sanitary	sewer,	septic
system, oth	er							

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. *This non-project action does not propose providing utilities or construction at this time.*

C. Signature [help]

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.

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Name of signee	Kurt E. Danise	on	
Position and Age	ency/Organization	Planner, City of Tonasket	
Date Submitted:	2/1/22		

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [help]

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

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.

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? Adoption of updated Park Plan will not directly increase discharges into water, emissions to air, the production of noise or the production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances. Development subsequent to the adoption may result in some increase in the above items; however, such development would fall under additional review and regulation to minimize impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: As development occurs, additional SEPA review and compliance will address measures to mitigate any such impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? **Not applicable.**

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: **See above response.**

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? Approval of the updated Park Plan will not directly deplete energy or natural resources. Any such impacts due to subsequent development will be addressed at that time.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: None.

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? *Not applicable.*

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: Additional SEPA review and compliance for development subsequent to adoption of the program.

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? This plan has been reviewed in conjunction with other City plans and has been found to be consistent with those plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: None.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? *Not applicable.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. *No conflicts.*

