



## King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Parks and Recreation Division

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### State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

**Date of Issue:** May 17, 2018

**Name of Proposal:** Green to Cedar Rivers Trail – North Segment

**Location of Proposal:** The Green to Cedar Rivers Regional Trail, North Segment, is located in a former railroad corridor that begins at the SE Kent-Langley Road in Maple Valley and extends to the north to its intersection with the Cedar River Trail in unincorporated King County, Washington. The trail lies along the east side of Lake Wilderness and the approximate mid-point of the Project is at Lake Wilderness Park (Section 21, Township 22N, Range 6E) (see Figure 1).

**Description of Proposal:** The Project will improve approximately 3.25-mile of existing trail from the Cedar River Trail to SE Kent-Kangley Road in unincorporated King County and Maple Valley, Washington. The Project is located within a former rail corridor and in the footprint of an existing trail that traverses 750 feet of unincorporated King County, with the remainder of trail located within Maple Valley. The trail is located adjacent to residential and commercial districts, schools, and open spaces, such as Lake Wilderness Park, which offer recreational opportunities. The Project will improve the existing gravel trail to a standard, paved, shared-use regional trail that will accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.

Installation of the new trail will require removal of existing gravel, asphalt, and concrete along with clearing and grubbing activities and tree removal. Two trail sections are proposed for the project: a typical trail section and typical extended trail section that will be constructed dependent on site constraints. The typical trail section will be 12 feet wide and composed of hot mixed asphalt plus 2-foot wide shoulders consisting of gravel and have 1-foot cleared of vegetation on the outside of the trail. The Project will provide connections to other existing trails and adjacent residential neighborhoods by providing 21 points of access by means of paved or graveled pathways, ramps, or stairs.

Topography constraints and landslide hazards necessitate the installation of approximately 1,730 feet of retaining walls to facilitate construction of the trail that meets King County regional trail standards. A variety of wall types, including soldier pile, concrete cantilever, and gravity block will be installed dependent on local conditions. In addition, a network of catch basins, gravel trench drains, and storm drains, will be constructed within and adjacent to the trail to collect stormwater and natural seepage from the adjacent hillslope to meet stormwater discharge requirements.

The vision for this trail was originally proposed in the 1992 King County Regional Trails Plan (King County Parks, 1992). More recently, the Project was proposed as part of the list of projects in the 2014-2019 King County Parks Levy. The goals of the Green to Cedar Trail are to:

- Develop a shared use trail appropriate to current and anticipated future user volumes,
- Provide a continuous equestrian facility where feasible,
- Facilitate connections among the regional trails, local trails, and major destinations,
- Develop new road crossings that meet current standards for safety and improve existing crossings where necessary, and
- Connect to a regional trail network to provide connectivity for residents of South King County and the region.

This trail also fulfills the level of service needs included in the Growth Management Act, which establishes goals for cities and counties to assure that their quality of life is sustained as their communities grow.

**Proponent/Lead Agency:** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
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**Responsible Official:** Kevin Brown  
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**DATE:** 4/30/18

**SIGNATURE:** 

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency as set forth in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-330 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030. This information is available to the public on request (for a nominal photocopying fee). It is also available on the King County website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/publicnotices>

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after May 31, 2018. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by 4:30 PM on May 31, 2018. To provide comments or request additional information please contact:

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