

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Purpose of checklist:**KING COUNTY D.P.E.R.**

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 all parts of your proposal, 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: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). 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: [\[help\]](#)
Buckley Recycle Center (BRC Inc.)
Enumclaw

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)
Ron Shear and Ronda Sterley

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3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

Applicant: BRC Inc. 253-939-7422 PO Box 1373 Enumclaw, WA 98022

Contact Person: Ron Shear 253-223-8586

4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

August 8, 2017

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

King County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Material Processing Permit & SEPA submittal 8/15/17

Building Clearing & Grading Permit Application Submittal 8/15/17

Issuance 12/15/17

Building Clearing and Grading Issuance 12/15/17

Begin Construction 1/15/18

Opening 1/15/19

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

Critical Areas Designation, Traffic Impact Study, Noise Impact Study, SEPA Checklist, Drainage Analysis

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

[\[help\]](#)

Material Processing Permit, Building Permit, King County Department of Health approval for well & septic, Grading Permit

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.) [\[help\]](#)

BRC Inc. is a recycler of land clearing debris such as wood and landscape debris. The business would cover 34 acres of the 102 acre property. Two buildings would be located on the site, an office building and a shop/garage.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Parcel #s: 3621069004, 3621069013, 3621069014

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

40% slope which is located outside of the proposed developed area.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? 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. [\[help\]](#)

The general types of soil found on the site are bedrock and sandstone. There are a few cobbles and boulders as well.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

There will be minor onsite cutting and filling. There will be no import fill.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

30%

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

To reduce and control erosion, we will have a silt fence and amended soils.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Minor dust will be controlled by a water truck

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)
Water spraying of the gravel.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water:

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

None

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Ground Water:

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. [\[help\]](#)
Yes. There will be a private well located on site.

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. [\[help\]](#)
The office will have a permitted septic system

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. [\[help\]](#)
Storm water will be infiltrated on site

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

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

_____ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

Small trees and brush

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Roughly 60% of property will remain forested with native vegetation

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Blackberries and tansy

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

There have been rabbit, elk, and deer observed on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Approximately 50+ acres will remain forested.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

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. [\[help\]](#)

Electricity, provided by Puget Sound Energy, will be brought to the property for use in the office and shop, as well as lighting the storage areas.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

None. No energy impacts identified

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

[\[help\]](#)

None

- 2) 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. [\[help\]](#)

None

- 3) 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. [\[help\]](#)

None

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

Typical emergency services such as fire, life safety, and police may be required.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Vehicles and machinery will be properly maintained. Recycling materials will be inspected before stock piling and recycling on site.

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

There is traffic noise from Franklin Ridge Sand and Gravel and from Highway 169

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Hours of operation would be approximately 7am to 5pm Monday-Sunday. Possibly shorter hours during winter months. See noise study for types and levels of noise.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

A berm will be constructed if needed to buffer the surrounding properties.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The site is vacant and is not being used. The adjacent properties are residential or open space. The proposal will not affect current land uses.

- 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 nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

None

- 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: [\[help\]](#)

No

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

RA5/M Potential

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Rural Area

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

[\[help\]](#)

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

10-12

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

DPER permitting process

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

DPER permitting process

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

0

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

0

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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? [\[help\]](#)

40 ft. made with metal/concrete

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Berm around the perimeter with landscape buffer will minimize impact of the project on surrounding lands including noise reduction, light, and visual impact.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

The project will produce office, parking, vehicle, and machinery light during business hours. The light and glare will have little impact and will not be a safety hazard.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

None

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

A berm and landscape screen of new vegetation will be created around the perimeter of the subject property to buffer surrounding properties.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

Hunting, fishing, horseback riding, motorcycle riding, bicycle riding, and hiking.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No impact to recreation identified

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. [\[help\]](#)

no

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. [\[help\]](#)

no

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.

[\[help\]](#)

None known

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. [\[help\]](#)

We do not anticipate disturbance or loss of resources.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Highway 169 and Enumclaw Franklin Road

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? [\[help\]](#)

No

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)
The completed project will have approximately 20 parking spaces or whatever is required. No spaces will be eliminated.

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). [\[help\]](#)

No

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

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 nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

It is approximated that there will be 164 trips daily. 20% truck traffic. See traffic impact study for more information.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None. No major traffic impacts predicted

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

BRC Inc. will pay all applicable impact fees to reduce or control impacts on public services.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

A new private well will be drilled to provide water to the property. Electricity provided by Puget Sound Energy will be brought to the property. A holding tank for domestic sewage will be installed on site.

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.

Signature: 

Name of signee Ronda Sterkey

Position and Agency/Organization owner

Date Submitted: 8/15/17

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?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

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?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

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?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

Section I: Buildings

Type (Residential) or Principal Activity (Commercial)	# Units	Square Feet (in thousands of square feet)	Emissions Per Unit or Per Thousand Square Feet (MTCO _{2e})			Lifespan Emissions (MTCO _{2e})
			Embodied	Energy	Transportation	
Single-Family Home.....	0		98	672	792	0
Multi-Family Unit in Large Building	0		33	357	766	0
Multi-Family Unit in Small Building	0		54	681	766	0
Mobile Home.....	0		41	475	709	0
Education		0.0	39	646	361	0
Food Sales		0.0	39	1,541	282	0
Food Service		0.0	39	1,994	561	0
Health Care Inpatient		0.0	39	1,938	582	0
Health Care Outpatient		0.0	39	737	571	0
Lodging		0.0	39	777	117	0
Retail (Other Than Mall).....		0.0	39	577	247	0
Office		2.0	39	723	588	2699
Public Assembly		0.0	39	733	150	0
Public Order and Safety		0.0	39	899	374	0
Religious Worship		0.0	39	339	129	0
Service		0.0	39	599	266	0
Warehouse and Storage		0.0	39	352	181	0
Other		9.0	39	1,278	257	14168
Vacant		0.0	39	162	47	0

Section II: Pavement.....

Pavement.....		529.61				26481
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Total Project Emissions:

43347

Definition of Building Types

Type (Residential) or Principal Activity (Commercial)	Description
Single-Family Home.....	Unless otherwise specified, this includes both attached and detached buildings
Multi-Family Unit in Large Building	Apartments in buildings with more than 5 units
Multi-Family Unit in Small Building	Apartments in building with 2-4 units
Mobile Home.....	
Education	Buildings used for academic or technical classroom instruction, such as elementary, middle, or high schools, and classroom buildings on college or university campuses. Buildings on education campuses for which the main use is not classroom are included in the category relating to their use. For example, administration buildings are part of "Office," dormitories are "Lodging," and libraries are "Public Assembly."
Food Sales	Buildings used for retail or wholesale of food.
Food Service	Buildings used for preparation and sale of food and beverages for consumption.
Health Care Inpatient	Buildings used as diagnostic and treatment facilities for inpatient care.
Health Care Outpatient	Buildings used as diagnostic and treatment facilities for outpatient care. Doctor's or dentist's office are included here if they use any type of diagnostic medical equipment (if they do not, they are categorized as an office building).
Lodging	Buildings used to offer multiple accommodations for short-term or long-term residents, including skilled nursing and other residential care buildings.
Retail (Other Than Mall).....	Buildings used for the sale and display of goods other than food.
Office	Buildings used for general office space, professional office, or administrative offices. Doctor's or dentist's office are included here if they do not use any type of diagnostic medical equipment (if they do, they are categorized as an outpatient health care building).
Public Assembly	Buildings in which people gather for social or recreational activities, whether in private or non-private meeting halls.
Public Order and Safety	Buildings used for the preservation of law and order or public safety.
Religious Worship	Buildings in which people gather for religious activities, (such as chapels, churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples).
Service	Buildings in which some type of service is provided, other than food service or retail sales of goods
Warehouse and Storage	Buildings used to store goods, manufactured products, merchandise, raw materials, or personal belongings (such as self-storage).
Other	Buildings that are industrial or agricultural with some retail space; buildings having several different commercial activities that, together, comprise 50 percent or more of the floorspace, but whose largest single activity is agricultural, industrial/ manufacturing, or residential; and all other miscellaneous buildings that do not fit into any other category.
Vacant	Buildings in which more floorspace was vacant than was used for any single commercial activity at the time of interview. Therefore, a vacant building may have some occupied floorspace.

Sources:

Residential 2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey
 Square footage measurements and comparisons
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/sqft-measure.html>

Commercial Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS),
 Description of CBECS Building Types
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/pba99/bldgtypes.html>

Embodied Emissions Worksheet
Section I: Buildings

Type (Residential) or Principal Activity (Commercial)	# thousand sq feet/unit or building	Life span related embodied GHG missions (MTCO2e/unit)	Life span related embodied GHG missions (MTCO2e/ thousand square feet) - See calculations in table below
Single-Family Home.....	2.53	98	39
Multi-Family Unit in Large Building.....	0.85	33	39
Multi-Family Unit in Small Building.....	1.39	54	39
Mobile Home.....	1.05	41	39
Education.....	25.6	991	39
Food Sales.....	5.6	217	39
Food Service.....	5.6	217	39
Health Care Inpatient.....	241.4	9,346	39
Health Care Outpatient.....	10.4	403	39
Lodging.....	35.9	1,366	39
Retail (Other Than Mall).....	9.7	376	39
Office.....	14.8	573	39
Public Assembly.....	14.2	550	39
Public Order and Safety.....	15.5	600	39
Religious Worship.....	10.1	391	39
Service.....	6.5	252	39
Warehouse and Storage.....	16.9	654	39
Other.....	21.9	848	39
Vacant.....	14.1	546	39

Section II: Pavement
All Types of Pavement.....

	Columns and Beams	Intermediate Floors	Exterior Walls	Windows	Interior Walls	Roofs	Total Embodied Emissions (MTCO2e) thousand sq feet
Average GWP (lbs CO2e/sq ft): Vancouver, Low Rise Building	5.3	7.8	19.1	51.2	5.7	21.3	
Average Materials in a 2,272-square foot single family home	0.0	2269.0	3206.0	1340.0	6050.0	3103.0	
MTCO2e	0.0	8.0	27.8	6.6	15.6	30.0	88.0
							38.7

Sources

All data in black text
Residential floorspace per unit
Floorspace per building
Average GWP (lbs CO2e/sq ft): Vancouver, Low Rise Building
King County, DNRP. Contact: Matt Kuharic, matt.kuharic@kingcounty.gov
2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (National Average, 2001)
Square footage measurements and comparisons
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs/sqft-measure.html>
EIA, 2003 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (National Average, 2003)
Table C3. Consumption and Gross Energy Intensity for Sum of Major Fuels for Non-Rail Buildings, 2003
http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbsecs2003/detailed_tables_2003/2003seid/2003seid/c3.xls

Athena EcoCalculator
Athena Assembly Evaluation Tool v2.3- Vancouver Low Rise Building
Assembly Average GWP (kg) per square meter
<http://www.athenasmi.ca/tools/ecocalculator/index.html>
Lbs per kg
Square feet per square meter

Average Materials in a 2,272-square foot single family home
Buildings Energy Data Book: 7.3 Typical/Average Household Materials Used in the Construction of a 2,272-Square-Foot Single-Family Home, 2000
http://buildingsdatabase.eren.doe.gov/?id=view_book_label&tableID=2036&f=x
See also: NAHB, 2004 Housing Facts, Figures and Trends, Feb. 2004, p. 7.

Embodied Emissions Worksheet
Section I: Buildings
Worksheet: Embodied Emissions Worksheet

Embodied GHG Emissions.....Worksheet Background Information

Buildings

Embodied GHG emissions are emissions that are created through the extraction, processing, transportation, construction and disposal of building materials as well as emissions created through landscape disturbance (by both soil disturbance and changes in above ground biomass).

Estimating embodied GHG emissions is new field of analysis; the estimates are rapidly improving and becoming more inclusive of all elements of construction and development.

The estimate included in this worksheet is calculated using average values for the main construction materials that are used to create a typical family home. In 2004, the National Association of Home Builders calculated the average materials that are used in a typical 2,272 square foot single-family household. The quantity of materials used is then multiplied by the average GHG emissions associated with the life-cycle GHG emissions for each material.

This estimate is a rough and conservative estimate; the actual embodied emissions for a project are likely to be higher. For example, at this stage, due to a lack of comprehensive data, the estimate does not include important factors such as landscape disturbance or the emissions associated with the interior components of a building (such as furniture).

King County realizes that the calculations for embodied emissions in this worksheet are rough. For example, the emissions associated with building 1,000 square feet of a residential building will not be the same as 1,000 square feet of a commercial building. However, discussions with the construction community indicate that while there are significant differences between the different types of structures, this method of estimation is reasonable; it will be improved as more data become available.

Additionally, if more specific information about the project is known, King County recommends two online embodied emissions calculators that can be used to obtain a more tailored estimate for embodied emissions: www.buildcarbonneutral.org and www.athensmi.ca/tools/ecoCalculator/.

Pavement

Four recent life cycle assessments of the environmental impacts of roads form the basis for the per unit embodied emissions of pavement. Each study is constructed in slightly different ways; however, the aggregate results of the reports represent a reasonable estimate of the GHG emissions that are created from the manufacture of paving materials, construction related emissions, and maintenance of the pavement over its expected life cycle. For specifics, see the worksheet.

Special Section: Estimating the Embodied Emissions for Pavement

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The results of the studies are presented in different units and measures; considerable effort was undertaken to be able to compare the results of the studies in a reasonable way. For more details about the below methodology, contact matt.kuharic@kingcounty.gov.

The four studies, Meil (2001), Park (2003), Stripple (2001) and Treolar (2001) produced total GHG emissions of 4-34 MTCO₂e per thousand square feet of finished paving (for similar asphalt and concrete based pavements). This estimate does not include downstream maintenance and repair of the highway. The average (for all concrete and asphalt pavements in the studies, assuming each study gets one data point) is ~17 MTCO₂e/thousand square feet.

Three of the studies attempted to thoroughly account for the emissions associated with long term maintenance (40 years) of the roads. Stripple (2001), Park et al. (2003) and Treolar (2001) report 17, 81, and 68 MTCO₂e/thousand square feet, respectively, after accounting for maintenance of the roads.

Based on the above discussion, King County makes the conservative estimate that 50 MTCO₂e/thousand square feet of pavement (over the development's life cycle) will be used as the embodied emission factor for pavement until better estimates can be obtained. This is roughly equivalent to 3,500 MTCO₂e per lane mile of road (assuming the lane is 13 feet wide).

It is important to note that these studies estimate the embodied emissions for roads. Paving that does not need to stand up to the rigors of heavy use (such as parking lots or driveways) would likely use less materials and hence have lower embodied emissions.

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Stripple, H. Life Cycle Assessment of Road. A Pilot Study for Inventory Analysis. Second Revised Edition. IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute Ltd. 2001. Available:
<http://www.ivl.se/rappporter/pdf/B1210E.pdf>

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Energy Emissions Worksheet

Type (Residential) or Principal Activity (Commercial)	Energy consumption per building per year (million Btu)	Carbon Coefficient for Buildings	MTCO ₂ e per building per year	Floorspace per Building (thousand square feet)	MTCE per thousand square feet per year	MTCO ₂ e per thousand square feet per year	Average Building Life Span	Lifespan Energy Related MTCO ₂ e emissions per unit	Lifespan Energy Related MTCO ₂ e emissions per thousand square feet
Single-Family Home.....	107.3	0.108	11.61	2.53	4.6	16.8	57.9	672	266
Multi-Family Unit in Large Building	41.0	0.108	4.44	0.85	5.2	19.2	30.5	357	422
Multi-Family Unit in Small Building	78.1	0.108	8.45	1.39	6.1	22.2	30.5	681	489
Mobile Home.....	75.9	0.108	8.21	1.06	7.7	28.4	57.9	475	448
Education	2,125.0	0.124	264.2	25.6	10.3	37.8	62.5	16,526	646
Food Sales	1,410.0	0.124	138.0	5.6	24.6	90.4	62.5	8,632	1,541
Food Service	1,436.0	0.124	178.5	5.6	31.9	116.9	62.5	11,168	1,994
Health Care Inpatient	60,152.0	0.124	7,479.1	241.4	31.0	113.6	62.5	467,794	1,938
Health Care Outpatient	985.0	0.124	122.5	10.4	11.8	43.2	62.5	7,660	737
Lodging	3,578.0	0.124	444.9	35.8	12.4	45.6	62.5	27,826	777
Retail (Other Than Mall)	720.0	0.124	89.5	9.7	9.2	33.8	62.5	5,599	577
Office	1,376.0	0.124	171.1	14.8	11.6	42.4	62.5	10,701	723
Public Assembly	1,338.0	0.124	166.4	14.2	11.7	43.0	62.5	10,405	733
Public Order and Safety	1,791.0	0.124	222.7	15.5	14.4	52.7	62.5	13,928	899
Religious Worship	440.0	0.124	54.7	10.1	5.4	19.9	62.5	3,422	339
Service	501.0	0.124	62.3	6.5	9.6	35.1	62.5	3,896	599
Warehouse and Storage	764.0	0.124	95.0	16.9	5.6	20.6	62.5	5,942	352
Other	3,600.0	0.124	447.6	21.9	20.4	74.9	62.5	27,997	1,278
Vacant	294.0	0.124	36.6	14.1	2.6	9.5	62.5	2,286	162

Sources

All data in black text

Energy consumption for residential buildings

King County, DNRP. Contact: Matt Kuharic, matt.kuharic@kingcounty.gov

2007 Buildings Energy Data Book: 6.1 Quad Definitions and Comparisons (National Average, 2001)

Table 6.1.4: Average Annual Carbon Dioxide Emissions for Various Functions

<http://buildingsdatabook.eren.doe.gov/>

Data also at: http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001_ce/ce1-4c_housingunits2001.html

Energy consumption for commercial buildings and

Floorspace per building

EIA, 2003 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (National Average, 2003)

Table C3. Consumption and Gross Energy Intensity for Sum of Major Fuels for Non-Mall Buildings, 2003

http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbsecs/cbsecs2003/detailed_tables_2003/2003sei9/2003excel/c3.xls

Note: Data in plum color is found in both of the above sources (buildings energy data book and commercial buildings energy consumption survey).

Carbon Coefficient for Buildings

Buildings Energy Data Book (National average, 2005)

Table 3.1.7. 2005 Carbon Dioxide Emission Coefficients for Buildings (MMTCE per Quadrillion Btu)

http://buildingsdatabook.eren.energy.gov/?id=view_book_table&TableID=2057

Note: Carbon coefficient in the Energy Data book is in MTCE per Quadrillion Btu.

To convert to MTCO₂e per million Btu, this factor was divided by 1000 and multiplied by 44/12.

2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (National Average, 2001)

Square footage measurements and comparisons

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/sqft-measure.html>

Residential floorspace per unit

average life span of buildings,
estimated by replacement time method

	Single Family Homes	Multi-Family Units in Large and Small Buildings	All Residential Buildings
New Housing Construction, 2001	1,273,000	329,000	1,602,000
Existing Housing Stock, 2001	73,700,000	26,500,000	100,200,000
Replacement time:	57.9	80.5	62.5

(national average, 2001)

Note: Single family homes calculation is used for mobile homes as a best estimate life span.
Note: At this time, KC staff could find no reliable data for the average life span of commercial buildings.
Therefore, the average life span of residential buildings is being used until a better approximation can be ascertained.

Sources:

New Housing Construction, 2001 [Quarterly Starts and Completions by Purpose - US and Regions \(Excel\)](http://www.census.gov/construction/quarterly_starts_completions_cust.xls)
http://www.census.gov/construction/quarterly_starts_completions_cust.xls
See also: <http://www.census.gov/construction/index.html>

Existing Housing Stock, 2001 [Residential Energy Consumption Survey \(RECS\) 2001](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001/hc_pdf/housingunits/hc1-4a_housingunits2001.pdf)
[Tables HC1:Housing Unit Characteristics, Million U.S. Households 2001](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001/hc_pdf/housingunits/hc1-4a_housingunits2001.pdf)
[Table HC1-4a. Housing Unit Characteristics by Type of Housing Unit, Million U.S. Households, 2001](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001/hc_pdf/housingunits/hc1-4a_housingunits2001.pdf)
http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001/hc_pdf/housingunits/hc1-4a_housingunits2001.pdf

Transportation Emissions Worksheet

Type (Residential) or Principal Activity (Commercial)	# people/ unit or building	# thousand sq feet/ unit or building	# people or employees/ thousand square feet	vehicle related GHG emissions (metric tonnes CO2e per person per year)	MTCO2e/ year/ unit	MTCO2e/ thousand square feet	Average Building Life Span	Life span transportation related GHG emissions (MTCO2e/ per unit)	Life span transportation related GHG emissions (MTCO2e/ thousand sq feet)
Single-Family Home.....	2.8	2.53	1.1	4.9	13.7	5.4	57.9	792	313
Multi-Family Unit in Large Building	1.9	0.85	2.3	4.9	9.5	11.2	80.5	766	904
Multi-Family Unit in Small Building	1.9	1.39	1.4	4.9	9.5	6.8	80.5	766	550
Mobile Home.....	2.5	1.06	2.3	4.9	12.2	11.5	57.9	709	668
Education	30.0	25.6	1.2	4.9	147.8	5.8	62.5	9247	361
Food Sales	5.1	5.6	0.9	4.9	25.2	4.5	62.5	1579	282
Food Service	10.2	5.6	1.8	4.9	50.2	9.0	62.5	3141	561
Health Care Inpatient	455.5	241.4	1.9	4.9	2246.4	9.3	62.5	140506	582
Health Care Outpatient	19.3	10.4	1.9	4.9	95.0	9.1	62.5	5941	571
Lodging	13.6	35.8	0.4	4.9	67.1	1.9	62.5	4194	117
Retail (Other Than Mall).....	7.8	9.7	0.8	4.9	38.3	3.9	62.5	2394	247
Office	28.2	14.8	1.9	4.9	139.0	9.4	62.5	8696	588
Public Assembly	6.9	14.2	0.5	4.9	34.2	2.4	62.5	2137	150
Public Order and Safety	18.8	15.5	1.2	4.9	92.7	6.0	62.5	5796	374
Religious Worship	4.2	10.1	0.4	4.9	20.8	2.1	62.5	1298	129
Service	5.6	6.5	0.9	4.9	27.6	4.3	62.5	1729	266
Warehouse and Storage	9.9	16.9	0.6	4.9	49.0	2.9	62.5	3067	181
Other	18.3	21.9	0.8	4.9	90.0	4.1	62.5	5630	257
Vacant	2.1	14.1	0.2	4.9	10.5	0.7	62.5	657	47

Sources

All data in black text

people/ unit

King County, DNRP. Contact: Matt Kuharic, matt.kuharic@kingcounty.gov

Estimating Household Size for Use in Population Estimates (WA state, 2000 average)

Washington State Office of Financial Management

Kimpel, T. and Lowe, T. Research Brief No. 47. August 2007

http://www.ofm.wa.gov/researchbriefs/brief047.pdf

Note: This analysis combines Multi Unit Structures in both large and small units into one category; the average is used in this case although there is likely a difference

Residential floorspace per unit

2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (National Average, 2001)

Square footage measurements and comparisons

http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/sqft-measure.html

employees/thousand square feet

Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey commercial energy uses and costs (National Median, 2003)

Table B2 Totals and Medians of Floorspace, Number of Workers, and Hours of Operation for Non-Mall Buildings, 2003

http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbeccs/cbeccs2003/detailed_tables_2003/2003set1/2003excel/b2.xls

Note: Data for # employees/thousand square feet is presented by CBECS as square feet/employee. In this analysis employees/thousand square feet is calculated by taking the inverse of the CBECS number and multiplying by 1000.

vehicle related GHG emissions

Estimate calculated as follows (Washington state, 2006)_

56,531,930,000 2006 Annual WA State Vehicle Miles Traveled
Data was daily VMT. Annual VMT was 365*daily VMT.
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/tdo/annualmileage.htm>
6,395,798 2006 WA state population
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.html>

8839 vehicle miles per person per year
0.0506 gallon/gasoline/mile

This is the weighted national average fuel efficiency for all cars and 2 axle, 4 wheel light trucks in 2005. This includes pickup trucks, vans and SUVs. The 0.051 gallons/mile used here is the inverse of the more commonly known term "miles/per gallon" (which is 19.75 for these cars and light trucks).
Transportation Energy Data Book, 26th Edition, 2006, Chapter 4: Light Vehicles and Characteristics, Calculations based on weighted average MPG efficiency of cars and light trucks.
http://cta.ornl.gov/data/edb26/Edition26_Chapter04.pdf
Note: This report states that in 2005, 92.3% of all highway VMT were driven by the above described vehicles.
http://cta.ornl.gov/data/edb26/Spreadsheets/Tables3_04.xls

24.3 lbs CO2e/gallon gasoline

The CO2 emissions estimates for gasoline and diesel include the extraction, transport, and refinement of petroleum as well as their combustion.

Life-Cycle CO2 Emissions for Various New Vehicles. RENew Northfield.

Available: <http://renewnorthfield.org/wpcontent/uploads/2006/04/CO2%20emissions.pdf>

Note: This is a conservative estimate of emissions by fuel consumption because diesel fuel, with a emissions factor of 26.55 lbs CO2e/gallon was not estimated.

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4.93 lbs/metric tonne

vehicle related GHG emissions (metric tonnes CO2e per person, per year)

average life span of buildings, estimated
by replacement time method

See Energy Emissions Worksheet for Calculations

Commercial floorspace per unit

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