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: [help]

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: [help]
 - Cedar 23
- 2. Name of applicant: [help]

Cedar 17 Investments, LLC.

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [help]

Applicant: 15 Lake Bellevue Drive, Suite 102

Bellevue WA 98005

425-869-1300

Contact Person: Maher A. Joudi, P.E.

620 7th Avenue

Kirkland, WA 98033

425-827-3063

4. Date checklist prepared: [help]

July 6, 2021

5. Agency requesting checklist: [help]

King County DPER

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

Construction will start upon the receipt of all required building and construction permits. This is estimated to occur in the spring of 2023.

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

Construction of 23 single-family residences.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Geotechnical Report: The Riley Group, Inc.

July 7, 2021

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]

None to our knowledge.

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

SEPA Determination King County

Preliminary Subdivision Approval King County

Grading Permit King County

Large on Site Septic System Approval WSDOH

Final Subdivision Approval King County

Water Certificates Fall City Water District

Certificate of Traffic Concurrency King County

Certificate/Affidavit of Critical Areas Compliance King County

Other Customary Construction Related Permits King County

General Construction Stormwater Permit Department of Ecology

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]

Subdivide approximately 5.74 acres into 23 single-family lots. Access to the subdivision will be from the west via 324th Ave SE.

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]

The Site is in SW ¼ of Section 15, Township 24 North, Range 7 East, W.M. The Site address is 4218 324th Ave SE, Fall City, WA. The Site is bound by a combination of single-family residences and unplatted parcels to the south, a ROW to the north, 324th Ave SE to the west, and light to densely vegetated parcels to the east.

Please refer to the site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map provided in other reports provided by D.R. Strong Consulting Engineers.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [help]

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1.	Earth	ıne	ומו

a.	General description of the site: [help]
(ci	rcle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

In general, the site slopes from southwest to northeast at slopes under 20%.

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

Approximately 20%.

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]

Per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Web Soil Survey, the site is composed of RdC, Ragnar-Indianola association and Sh, Sammamish silt loam with slopes ranging from 0 to 15%.

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

None to our knowledge

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]

The purpose of the site grading will be to construct the internal roads, utilities and house pads. The total cut for the project is 14,086 c.y. and fill is 14,316 c.y. Fill

material may be imported as well as the possibility of exporting unwanted soils at an approved location. It is important to note that these volumes are inherently preliminary and as project design progresses through both this stage and construction drawing approval, revisions to road and pad grades may be necessary. These revisions will subsequently affect earthwork quantities and may result in fill material to be imported and/or unwanted soils being exported.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [help]
 - There could be a short-term increase in the potential for on-site erosion where soils are exposed during Site preparation and construction. However, the Project will comply with all applicable erosion control measures, short and long term.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [help]
 - ±50% of the developable area will be covered with impervious surfaces after construction.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [help]
 - A temporary erosion control plan will be implemented at the appropriate time. Erosion control measures may include the following: hay bales, siltation fences, temporary siltation ponds, controlled surface grading, stabilized construction entrance, and other measures which may be used in accordance with requirements of King County.

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]
 - Short-term emissions will be those associated with construction and site development activities. These will include dust and emissions from construction equipment. Long-term impacts will result from increased vehicle traffic.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [help]
 - Off-site sources of emissions or odors are those that are typical of residential neighborhoods. These will include automobile emissions from traffic on adjacent roadways and fireplace emissions from nearby homes.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [help]
 - The Washington Clean Air Act requires the use of all known, available, and reasonable means of controlling air pollution, including dust. Construction impacts will not be significant and could be controlled by measures such as washing truck wheels before exiting the site and maintaining gravel construction entrances. In addition, dirt-driving surfaces will be watered during extended dry periods to control dust.

- 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]

There are no surface water bodies present on site or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

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, work will not be within 200' of any surface water body.

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]

There will be no fill or dredge material placed in or removed from the wetlands.

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

There will be no surface water withdrawals or diversions.

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

There are no FEMA mapped floodplains within the Site.

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, a Large Onsite Septic System (LOSS) will be installed to serve the residential units. There will be no discharge of waste materials to surface waters.

- 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]

No ground water will be withdrawn.

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]

Domestic sewage is proposed to be discharged into the ground. The project, containing 23 single family, 3 bedroom homes, will be served by a LOSS.

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 runoff from the proposed roads, driveways, and roof areas will be collected in a new conveyance system and conveyed to the proposed infiltration pond preceded by bioswale to treat the runoff before discharging into the ground. See D.R. Strong Consulting Level One Downstream Analysis Report.
- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [help]
 - The proposed stormwater system will be designed to minimize or eliminate entry of waste materials or pollutants to ground water resources and/or surface waters. Oils, grease, and other pollutants from the addition of paved areas could potentially enter the groundwater or downstream surface water runoff.
- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [help]

A King County approved storm drainage system will be designed and implemented in order to mitigate any adverse impacts from storm water runoff. Temporary and permanent drainage facilities will be used to control surface runoff during construction and after development.

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

A County approved storm drainage system will be designed and implemented in order to mitigate any adverse impacts from storm water runoff. Temporary and permanent drainage facilities will be used to control quality and quantity of surface runoff during construction and after development.

4. Plants	[help]
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_X	_deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
X	_evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
<u>X</u> _	_shrubs
_X	_grass
	_pasture
_ <u>X</u> _	_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]

Vegetation within the development area will be removed at the time of development. Landscaping will be installed in accordance with the provisions of the King County Zoning Code.

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

None known.

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

None proposed at this time.

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

None to our knowledge.

- 5. Animals [help]
- 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. [help]
 Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other

Songbirds and Deer

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

No threatened or endangered species are known to be on or near the Site.

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

Western Washington is in the migration path of a wide variety of non-tropical songbirds, and waterfowl, including many species of geese.

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

None.

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

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. [help]

Electricity and/or natural gas will serve as the primary energy source for residential heating and cooking within the development. Any wood stoves incorporated into the new residential units will comply with all local and State regulations.

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]

The required measures of the Washington State Energy Code and the Uniform Building Code will be incorporated in the construction of the residential units. Energy conservation fixtures and materials are encouraged in all new construction.

- 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]

There are no known on-site environmental health hazards known to exist today, and none will be generated as a direct result of this proposal.

Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
 [help]

None to our knowledge.

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 to our knowledge.

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 will be stored or produced during the life of the project.

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

 No special emergency services will be required.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [help] Special measures are not anticipated.
- b. Noise [help]
 - 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [help]

The primary source of off-site noise in the area originates from vehicular traffic present on adjacent streets

- 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]
 - Short-term impacts will result from the use of construction equipment during site development and residential construction. Construction will occur during the daylight hours, and in compliance with all noise ordinances. Construction noise is generated by heavy equipment, hand tools and the transporting of construction materials and equipment. Long-term impacts will be those associated with the increased use of the property by homeowners.
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [help]

Construction will be performed during normal daylight hours. Construction equipment will be equipped with noise mufflers.

- 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 and adjacent properties are used as single family residential (except Summit Classical Christian School to the northeast). Current landuses on nearby or adjacent properties will not be affected.

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]

Not to our knowledge.

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]

Not to our knowledge.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [help]

Two single-family residences and associated sheds exist on-site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [help]

Yes. All of the existing structures will be removed.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [help]

The current zoning classification is Residential, R-4.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [help]

The 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan shows the site as Rural Towns.

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]

King County iMaps shows the Site is located within a Category 1 critical aquifer recharge area (CARA).

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

Approximately 59 individuals will reside in the completed residential development (23 units \times 2.56 persons per household = 58.88 individuals).

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [help]

Approximately 5 people will be displaced (2 units x 2.56 persons per household =

2.56 individuals).

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

None

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [help]

The proposed development is compatible with the prescribed land use codes and designations for this site. Per the County Zoning Code, the development is consistent with the density requirements and land use of this property.

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

None.

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

The completed project will provide 23 detached single-family residential homes. Homes will be priced with a market orientation to the middle-high income level homebuver.

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

Two, middle income house will be eliminated.

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

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? [help]

The maximum building height will conform to King County Standards.

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

Views in the vicinity are not likely to be enhanced, extended or obstructed by development of this Project.

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

The location of the buildings adheres to or exceeds the minimum setback requirements of the zoning district. The landscaping will be installed at the completion of building and paving construction.

- 11. Light and Glare [help]
- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [help]

Light and glare will be produced from building lighting. Light will also be produced from vehicles using the Site. The light and glare will occur primarily in the evening

and before dawn.

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

 Light and glare from the Project will not cause hazards or interfere with views.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [help]
 - The primary off-site source of light and glare will be from vehicles traveling along the area roadways. Also, the adjacent residential uses and streetlights may create light and glare.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [help]
 - Street lighting, when deemed necessary, will be installed in a manner that directs the light downward. The proposed perimeter landscaping will create a partial visual buffer between the proposed units and the surrounding neighborhood areas.
- 12. Recreation [help]
- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [help]
 - Chief Kanim Middle School (Approximately half mile north east along SE Redmond-Fall City Rd)
 - Fall City Community Park (Approximately one mile east along SE Redmond-Fall City Rd on the north side of Snoqualmie River).
- 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]
 - Recreation Space will be provided as required by King County Code.
- 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]
 - According to the Washington Information System for Architectural & Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD), the existing home is not listed in any preservation registers.
- 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]
 - Unknown, no studies have been conducted to date.
- 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]

The King County GIS data and Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) was used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on and near the project.

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]

No measures are anticipated. If an archeological site is found during the course of construction, the State Historic Preservation Officer will be notified.

- 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]
 - Access to the proposed project will be from 324th Ave SE.
- 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]
 - The nearest public transit stop is located more than a mile from the Site, adjacent to Fall City Elementary School.
- 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 garage and driveway parking spaces. Each home will have a minimum of two-parking spaces per lot for a total of 46 parking spots. Existing parking includes two garages and two carport, meaning 6 existing parking spaces will be eliminated during demolition.
- 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]
 - The project will construct a new entrance from 324th Ave SE.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
 - 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]
 - Assuming a typical value of 9.52 average daily weekday trips, this Project will add 219 new daily weekday trips. Peak hours will generally be 7 AM 9 AM and 4 PM 6 PM.
- 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]
 - Not to our knowledge.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [help]

Traffic impact fees will be paid as required by King County Code.

- 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]

Yes, the proposal will result in an increase for those services typical of a residential development of this size and nature. The need for public services such as fire and police protection will be typical for a residential development of the size. School age children generated by this development will attend schools in the Snoqualmie Valley School District #410.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [help]
 In addition to payment of annual property taxes by homeowners, the proponent will mitigate the direct impacts of the proposal through the County's traffic and school

16. Utilities [help]

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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]

Electricity Puget Sound Energy
Natural Gas Puget Sound Energy

Water Fall City Water

Sewer LOSS
Telephone Comcast

C. Signature [help]

mitigation programs, if required.

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