



SCOPING REVIEW REQUESTS (Traffic & Drainage)

Traffic:

Section 5.10 of the Thurston County Roads Standards discusses Traffic Scoping Review. It states the following:

A. Scoping Meeting

If a Level II TIA is required, the study preparer shall establish a scoping meeting with all necessary agencies and impacted jurisdictions to address relevant issues. The method of traffic analysis shall be as directed by the County.

B. Extent of Study Area

The study shall include all site access drives, adjacent roadways, and major roadways and intersections in all directions from the site that are impacted by 25 or more inbound and outbound PM peak hour trips, or less as required by the County. Major roadways and intersections are typically those classified as arterial and/or collectors. The influence area should be no more than a 5 mile radius from the development center, but may be slightly lower or higher depending on whether the project is within the urban or rural areas. The County shall approve the defined influence area prior to commencement with the traffic study.

C. Selection of Horizon Years

Development with several stages of construction activity should select a number of horizon years corresponding with the opening of each phase.

Drainage:

Section 3.2, Volume I of the Thurston County Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual discusses the Drainage Scoping Review. It states the following:

For any project exceeding the thresholds of Chapter 2 for which Minimum Requirements #6 (Runoff Treatment) and/or #7 (Flow Control) apply, a Drainage Scoping Report shall be submitted. Based on the review of the Drainage Scoping Report, or at the request of the applicant, a drainage scoping meeting may be scheduled to assist the applicant in complying with storm water requirements.

The Drainage Scoping Report shall include the following:

1. A letter of transmittal requesting a Drainage Scoping Report review and including applicant, property owner, and parcel information required to identify the property and its location.
2. A written description of the project including overall stormwater management strategy proposed for the site.
3. Maps of the sites existing conditions showing ground cover, existing drainage, topography, soils, and adjacent areas.
4. A general vicinity map showing surrounding properties including topography, downstream, and upstream areas of the project.
5. Results of preliminary geotechnical investigations, test pits, etc. as well as Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soils mapping information.
6. A completed conceptual site plan, including a scale drawing with topography of the site and showing conceptual lot and building locations, impervious area totals, proposed drainage facilities, zoning information including any limits on impervious surfaces, tree retention requirements, landscape buffers, etc.
7. If the project is a redevelopment project, a preliminary estimate of project construction costs should be submitted.
8. Industrial/Commercial Projects Only – The applicant shall also submit a completed source control checklist (see Volume IV, Source Control).

Upon review of the Drainage Scoping Report, Thurston County will prepare a response letter accepting the report and providing any additional information, studies, recommendations, suggestions, or additional requirements that might apply to the project that should be included in the submittal documents. If the County determines that a drainage scoping meeting is required, this will be included in the response letter.

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