



## Community Development Department

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### FINAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**File(s):** CAP22-022 SEPA22-016

**Description of Proposal:** The applicant is proposing to place a bridge over Russell Creek to access a farmed property north of the waterway. The proposed bridge will be placed in the following critical areas: 100-year floodplain, floodway, geologically hazardous areas (seismic hazard area of moderate to high liquefaction susceptibility), critical aquifer recharge area (Walla Walla River aquifer recharge area of high vulnerability), fish and wildlife habitat conservation area (35' wide riparian habitat buffer). Development within these critical areas is subject to the standards of Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 18.08, Critical Areas and Chapter 18.12, Flood Damage Prevention.

**Proponent/Owners:** CHARLES POTTS & ANN WEATHERILL FAMILY TRUST  
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**Location of Proposal:** The subject property where the bridge is to be placed is located on an unaddressed parcel adjacent to 3010 Canberra Dr (APN 360605513704).

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.

The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is based on the project as proposed and reflected in the following:

- SEPA Staff Evaluation Report dated 1/5/2023
- SEPA Environmental Checklist, prepared by Charles Potts, dated 2/15/2022
- Revised Building Plans dated 12/16/2022
- Inadvertent Discovery Plan received 12/16/2022
- Revised Technical Memorandum addressing "No Rise/No Impact" on Floodway, dated 12/15/2022
- Response to Request for Information letter prepared by John Wells, P.E., Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc, dated 12/16/2022
- Letter prepared by State of Washington Department of Ecology, dated 10/31/2022
- Critical Areas Permit application, dated 7/20/2022
- Preliminary Liquefaction Assessment prepared by Andrew Robinson, P.E., Anderson Perry &

- Associates, Inc., dated 6/30/2022
- No-Rise Certification, Technical Memorandum, prepared by John H. Wells, P.E., Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., dated 9/14/2022
- Critical Areas Report addressing Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, prepared by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., dated 9/19/2022
- Letter from State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife stating a Hydraulic Project Approval will not be required dated 7/1/2022
- Site Plan for associated building permit review (B22-0466), prepared by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., dated 9/19/2022
- Building permit application (B22-0466), dated 9/19/2022
- Letter from Washington State Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office, dated 10/31/2022
- Letter from Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation dated 10/28/2022

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. **There is no further comment period on this DNS.**

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

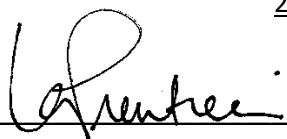
This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts; or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

**Lead Agency:** Walla Walla County

**Responsible official:** Lauren Prentice, Community Development Director

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**Issue Date:** 2/1/2023

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 2/1/2023

**Staff Contact:** Don Sims, Associate Planner, 509-524-2618

You may appeal this determination, in writing, to the CDD no later than fourteen days from the date of issue. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the CDD to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals and obtain details regarding submittals for appeals (including application forms and fees). Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.11 outlines the County's appeal procedure.