

Date: April 3, 2006



To: Recipients of the Environmental Checklist
and Determination of Non-Significance Statement
for the Athletic Field Upgrade at Van Asselt
Elementary School

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Ronald J. English, Environmental Officer

This Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) discusses the potential environmental impacts that could result from the Van Asselt Athletic Field Upgrade Project. The project is proposed to be constructed during April 2007.

The proposed project would replace the existing natural turf athletic field and provide a full-size natural turf multi-purpose field that would include a football field measuring 360 feet by 180 feet overlaid with a 330-foot by 195-foot soccer field. A secondary alternative proposed by the District would replace the existing field with a synthetic turf field instead of a natural turf field. The new field would be surrounded by a cinder running track (or rubberized jogging path). The renovation would also include the addition of a 15-foot tall ball-control fence located at the northwest corner of the new field and a baseball/softball backstop at the northeast corner.

The District has completed an environmental checklist evaluating the various elements of the environment affected by the project. The District solicited comments and incorporated them into this document. In the Determination of Non-Significance, the District's Environmental Officer has determined that the project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

Comments on the Checklist and DNS must be filed with the Environmental Officer no later than April 28, 2006 to the address below. Appeals must be filed no later than April 28, 2006 to the same address. The Environmental Officer will review the DNS based on timely comments/appeals and may retain or modify the DNS or, if it is determined that significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. Any appeals will be addressed in accordance with the District's SEPA Resolution.

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

VAN ASSELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT

Description of proposal. The proposed project would renovate the existing playfield to provide safer and more reliable playing conditions. The natural turf soccer field and cinder jogging track will be replaced. Additional work will include miscellaneous demolition and grading activities; construction additions to the storm drainage system, washwater, and automatic irrigation systems; and importing of sands and infield mix. The proposal does not include any field lighting.

Proponent. Seattle School District

Location of proposal, including street address, if any. Van Asselt Elementary School is located at 7201 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, 98108.

Title of document being adopted. Van Asselt Elementary School Athletic Field Project SEPA Environmental Checklist

Date adopted document was prepared. March 2006

Description of document (or portion) being adopted. A SEPA Checklist discussing short- and long-term environmental impacts resulting from renovating the existing athletic field. The project area is defined as the entire Van Asselt Elementary School property and the immediately surrounding areas.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe. The document has not been challenged.

The document is available to be read at (place/time). Copies may be purchased for \$15.00 at Seattle School District Headquarters, 2445 Third Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134. Copies are available for review at Van Asselt Elementary School, 7201 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98108. The document is accessible on the Seattle School District Website - <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/facilities>.

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.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 30 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by: April 28, 2006.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision-maker.

Name of agency adopting document. Seattle School District

Responsible official. Ronald J. English

Position/title. Seattle School District SEPA Official

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