

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SHORELINE
MANAGEMENT SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
&
NOTICE OF
SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
FOR THE
CASTLE ROCK BOAT RAMP CURRENT VELOCITY IMPROVEMENT

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.140 and WAC 173-27-110, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Castle Rock Public Works Department has filed an application for a Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit to construct a rock groin in the Cowlitz River immediately upstream of the Al Helenberg Memorial public boat launch in Castle Rock, WA. The groin is proposed to be constructed upstream of the toe of the ramp between the shoreline and existing floating log boom. The purpose of the groin is to improve boat launch safety by redirecting flow and therefore reducing velocity at the site.

The boat launch is located within the North County Recreational Complex at 5140 Westside Highway (Parcel #3087701000), along the west bank of the Cowlitz River at approximately River Mile 17.4 in the City of Castle Rock, Cowlitz County, Washington, just north of the Arkansas Valley Road Bridge in WRIA 26, in Section 57, Township 9N, Range 2W. The property is currently owned by the Castle Rock School District.

In order to offset unavoidable impacts associated with the project, the applicants propose to restore and enhance a stretch of Whittle Creek located approximately one half mile south of the proposed boat launch site (parcel numbers 309100100, 309130100, 309330100, WJ1502001). This mitigation project continues ongoing collaborative efforts by including the following new components: Anchoring ten Large Woody Debris structures stretched over 1,100 lineal feet in three separate locations along the creek; Removing invasive species over this same area but along both banks (inland for 30 feet on each bank for a total of 60 feet) of the creek and planting native tree species in these same areas.

Following is a list of project permits identified in the application:

1. City of Castle Rock: Shoreline substantial Development Permit and demonstration of compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the Critical Areas Ordinance;
2. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA);
3. Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Resources Use Authorization;
4. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 (work in navigable waters)

Following is a list of materials included with the application:

1. [Washington State Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application \(JARPA\) Form](#);
2. [State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\) checklist](#);
3. [Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch Phase 2 – Current Diversion Engineering Plans](#);
4. [City of Castle Rock Boat Launch Mitigation Plan](#)

5. [City of Castle Rock Cowlitz River Boat Ramp Project JARPA Application, July 15, 2008, which includes a SEPA Checklist, Biological Evaluation, Wetland Delineation, Cultural Resources Evaluation, and Project Plans and Specifications.](#)

The application materials and referenced studies are available for review at Castle Rock City Hall during regular business hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and on the city’s website <http://ci.castle-rock.wa.us/>

The application will be reviewed and a determination made using the Shorelines Works and Structures, Recreation and Construction and Operations Regulations use activity regulations of the adopted Shoreline Management Master Program.

Persons wanting to comment, request notice of meetings, request a hearing on the project or receive a copy of the decision made on the application should send written comments or requests to the City Planner at the address and within the comment periods provided below. The Castle Rock City Council will take action on the shoreline permit at a public meeting to be scheduled after the close of the comment period. Interested parties have the right to appeal the Council’s decision to the Shorelines Hearings Board per RCW 90.58.180.

As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act, the City of Castle Rock issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) on May 24, 2013. Copies of the MDNS, environmental checklist, and other application materials supporting this determination are on file with the City Clerk, and are available for public review at City Hall located at 141 “A” Street SW, Castle Rock, WA between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. The public has the right to submit written comments concerning the project’s environmental impacts.

DATE OF APPLICATION:	April 29, 2013
DATE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION:	May 30, 2013
DATE OF SHORELINE NOTICE:	May 30, 2013
SEPA COMMENTS DUE:	June 14, 2013
SHORELINE COMMENTS DUE:	July 2, 2013

Please send written comments or requests to:

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