



# CITY OF WHITE SALMON

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Date: January 31, 2023

To: Klickitat County: Assessor, Treasurer, Engineer, Environmental Health.  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washington State Department of Archaeological & Historic Preservation  
The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation  
The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Columbia Gorge News  
Hospital Dist. #2  
PUD #1 of Klickitat County  
Yakima Nation  
NW Natural  
City of Bingen  
City of White Salmon Property Owners within 300-ft Radius of the Project

From: City of White Salmon Planning Department

Subject: SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS)  
For Rhine Village apartment rehabilitation, File #WS-SEPA-2022-004  
Notice of SEPA Comment Period and Determination of Non-Significance

Enclosed is a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the proposed Rhine Village project to rehabilitate the affordable housing apartment complex. See the City's Website for SEPA application and supporting documents: <https://www.white-salmon.net/planning/page/ws-sepa-2023004-rhine-village-apartment-rehabilitation-notice-sepa-determination-non>



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This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the comment period will end on March 3, 2023. Comments can be submitted by mail to City of White Salmon, PO Box 2139, White Salmon WA 98672, or in person at City Hall, 100 N. Main St., White Salmon WA 98672; or E-mail. Email correspondence should be sent to Erika Castro-Guzman at [Erikac@ci.white-salmon.wa.us](mailto:Erikac@ci.white-salmon.wa.us).

Per the White Salmon Municipal Code 18.20.170 - environmental protection (SEPA review) Appeal, any agency or person may appeal this DNS to the city council. The proponent or any aggrieved party may perfect such appeal by giving notice to the responsible official within ten days of the decision being appealed. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of the appeal fees applicable, payable to the City of White Salmon. Appeals must be filed by March 3, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The City contact person and telephone number for any questions on this review is Jeff Broderick, City Land Use Planner, 509-493-1133 x204.



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### SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Environmental Checklist No:** WS-SEPA-2022-004

**Description of Proposal:** The Rhine Village Apartments shall rehabilitate the existing affordable housing apartment complex that provides vitally needed affordable housing for local residents. Although there is a large undeveloped portion on the east side of this property, the rehabilitation project will take place entirely within the existing footprint of the developed western portion of the property. No new buildings are proposed as part of this SEPA review. Only existing buildings will be renovated.

**Proponent:** Rhine Village, LLP  
Joel Madsen  
500 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058

**Lead agency:** City of White Salmon Planning Department  
PO Box 2139  
White Salmon, WA 98672

The City of White Salmon has determined that this proposal will 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). After reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, this decision was made. This information is available to the public upon request.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions: The entire extent of this project would occur within roadways, right-of-way, and previously disturbed areas. There are no planned disturbances to sensitive areas such as wetland, waterbodies, sensitive ecological areas, or areas with known historical/archaeological features.



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**Comment Period:** Comments received until March 3, 2023

**Appeal Period Ends:** March 3, 2023, at 5 PM

**Responsible Official:** Jeff Broderick  
Land Use Planner  
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White Salmon, WA 98672  
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[planner@ci.white-salmon.wa.us](mailto:planner@ci.white-salmon.wa.us)

**DATED** this 31st day of January 2023

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Jeff Broderick  
Land Use Planner and SEPA Responsible Official