



DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Project Name: Amendments to Covington Municipal Code(CMC): Repeal and Replace CMC Chapter 18.65 Critical Areas; Repeal CMC Chapter 13.37; corrections to out of date references in the CMC Chapter 16.05 Shoreline Master Program; Amendments to CMC Chapter 16.15 Flood Damage Prevention; and other associated Amendments to Title 18 related to critical areas cross references, and definition updates.

File Number: SEPA17-03

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Date of Issuance: May 12, 2017

Project Location: The proposed code amendments cover all zones in the city.

Project Description: These amendments of the Covington Municipal Code are to update the city's critical area regulations with best available science and agency guidelines. The amendments also clarify language, update definitions and cross references, and correct errors to make the code easier to use and understand. This non-project action is the result of Covington's effort to comply with the mandate of the state Growth Management Act (GMA). GMA requires that the city review and update its comprehensive plan and development regulations, including its Critical Area Regulations. The city's current Critical Area Regulations were adopted in 2005, by Ord. 14-05.

Documents Reviewed: City's Comprehensive Plan (2015-2035 as amended), SEPA Environmental Checklist (City of Covington, May 2, 2017), Best Available Science Report (November 2015) prepared for the 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan Update, and other information on file with the lead agency.

Responsible Official/ Richard Hart, Community Development Director
Lead Agency: City of Covington SEPA Official
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X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350. Notice is hereby provided for the SEPA non-project GMA action. The comment period is 14 calendar days and ends **May 26, 2017 at 5 PM.**

Comments and Appeals Notice: *Comments and appeals on this DNS may be submitted by first class mail or delivered to the responsible official at the above lead agency address. Any notice of appeals must be filed in writing, with the required filing fee paid in cash or check and received within 14 calendar days of the end of the comment period at Covington City Hall Offices, i.e. by **May 26, 2017 at 5 PM.** You must make specific factual objections, identify error, harm suffered, or identify anticipated relief sought and raise specific issues in the statement of appeal. Contact the Community Development Department at Covington City Hall to read or to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.*