



## DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

**Proponent:** Benton County Community Development  
Dept. - Planning Division  
P.O. Box 910, Prosser WA 99350

**File No**      **EA 2021-003**

**Project Description:** *Benton County is proposing the following:*

- 1) 2021 Periodic Update to the Benton County Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as approved on Feb 16, 2015 by Ecology to ensure consistency with the State SMP Checklist and associated laws and regulations established since 2015 pursuant to SMP Grant Agreement SEASMP-1921-BeCOPD-00012.
- 2) Amendment to the Benton County Code, BCC Title 15- Environment (critical areas regulations): Revise Title 15, Chapters 15.02 and 15.14 to address consistency with the SMP, apply additional science for Benton County stream buffers and address minor clarifications.

**Project Location:** Countywide

**Jurisdiction:** Benton County, Washington

**Lead Agency:** Benton County Community Development Dept. - Planning Division

**Threshold Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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). The decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. The environment threshold determination is based on an analysis of information contained in the following documents or the applicable regulations and restrictions of various agencies:

1. Benton County, BCC Title 6.35 Environmental Policy (SEPA)
2. Benton County, BCC Title 11, Zoning
3. Benton County Comprehensive Plan
4. Benton County, BCC Title 15 Environment (Critical Area Ordinance)

5. Regulations of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Transportation, Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

6. Benton County 2015 Shoreline Master Plan

This DNS is issued under WAC197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **March 3, 2021**.

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Greg Wendt, Director

**Position/Title:** Benton County Community Development Dept.

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 910, Prosser WA 99350

Date: **February 24, 2021**

Signature

  
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Greg Wendt, Director

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