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You are receiving the following email because you commented and are a party of record for the Whitewater Park Conditional Use Permit.

The City of Spokane's Planning Services Department will require an Environmental Impact Study for the proposed whitewater park on Spokane River just west of downtown to address potential adverse impacts on the environment. The study must look at impacts to fish habitat, maintenance and monitoring of the structure, and dewatering issues.

The Planning Department yesterday issued a Determination of Significance under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) that will require the study. The Planning Department is reviewing the project for a shoreline conditional use permit that's required for the park to move ahead.

The City's Parks & Recreation Department applied for that permit for the project. The Parks Department can choose to appeal the Determination of Significance within 14 days.

The Whitewater Park is proposed for a site near the intersection of Riverside & Clark Avenues, adjacent to the Sandifur Pedestrian Bridge. Large rocks would be anchored to the river's bottom, creating waves and rapids for kayakers. Additionally, the park would include a picnic area and shelter, parking, restrooms, and a trail on the south bank of the River for access.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the study. Comments can address alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impact, and license or other approval that may be required.

Comments must be received by the Planning Department by 5 p.m. on Aug. 6. They can be emailed to Tami Palmquist at tpalmquist@spokanecity.org or mailed to her attention at the Planning Services Department, City of Spokane, 808 W. Spokane

Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA, 99201. People may also deliver their comments in person by coming to the third floor of City Hall.

The Determination of Significance is attached.

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