

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**Fircrest School Master Development Plan**

**1. Notice of Action (NOA):** Notice is given under RCW 43.21C.080, that the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) took the action described in (2) below on November 22, 2023. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before January 26, 2024 (date no sooner than 21 days after 2nd newspaper publication). This notice will be published two times in the newspaper, physically posted at the project site, and filed with the Washington State Department of Ecology at its main office in Olympia prior.

**2. Description of Action Taken:** On November 22, 2023 DSHS issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) for the Fircrest School Master Development Plan.

**3. Description of Proposal:** A Master Development Plan has been prepared by DSHS to support the redevelopment of the campus.

The site is currently being used as a residential rehabilitation center providing support to about 200 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a residential setting. Many of the buildings date back to the 1940s. These buildings were originally designed to serve previous uses and have been incrementally modified to serve their current functions. Current building layouts do not promote the efficient and effective use of the spaces for existing and future operations. Most buildings require updating to conform to current building codes and to increase the efficient use of the structure.

Proposed development in this Master Development Plan includes the following:

- Demolish the six existing “Y” buildings (skilled nursing facilities) and construct a new 120-bed skilled nursing facility.
- Site and construct a new 48-bed (47,310 sf) behavioral health hospital facility.
- Demolish four of ten existing Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) buildings and construct 14 new 3-4 bed ICF/ID cottages to provide for a total of 152 ICF/ID beds (resident capacity of 133 residents to remain unchanged).
- Demolish the existing Adult Training Program (ATP) buildings and relocate the ATP into other existing buildings.
- Construct a new laundry building.
- Construct a new maintenance building.
- Construct a new commissary building.
- Complete new internal circulation roadways.
- Expand surface parking within the site.
- Construct an addition (7,355 sf) to the existing activities building.
- Construction of a larger office building (85,000 sf) and a smaller general office building (28,320 sf) with a 5,000-sf daycare facility.

- Removal of the existing off-leash dog area and creation of publicly accessible open space within the southeast corner of the campus.

The proposed developments in the Master Development Plan will not increase the number of residents in the skilled nursing facility and the ICF cottages. The construction of the new behavioral health facility will introduce three 90 to 180-day treatment facilities serving up to 48 patients at time. The 90 to 180-day facility is an involuntary in-patient facility for individuals who have been civilly committed to receive mental health treatment in a secure acute care environment for a period of 90 to 180 days. This will increase the residential population of the Fircrest School Campus to approximately 248 residents.

The proposal also includes frontage improvements along 15th Avenue NE and 150th Street, and a network of pedestrian trails across the site, including forested trails in the northern portion of the site providing a connection to Hamlin Park.

Vehicular access to the site will occur from two locations—the primary main campus access would remain from the existing signalized access driveway on 15th Avenue NE opposite NE 155th Street. The new development at the southeast corner would be accessed from a new driveway on NE 150th Street located approximately 290 feet west of 20th Avenue NE. The eastern most driveway on NE 150th Street would be removed; the western access located opposite 17th Avenue NE and providing access to the Department of Health parcel would remain but would no longer connect internally to the Fircrest Campus. An existing gated access on 15th Avenue NE approximately 350 feet north of NE 155th Street will be retained but remain gated with access limited to emergency and/or maintenance vehicles.

**4. Location of Proposal:** Fircrest School is located at 15230 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 on King County tax parcel 1626049010 in SW Qtr Section 16, Township 26, Range 4.

**5. Type of Environmental Review under SEPA:** A Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) and Environmental Checklist were published and opened for review and public comment from November 22, 2023 through December 8, 2023. Prior to the MDNS, a Notice of SEPA Consultation was issued and opened for review and public comment from December 8, 2022 through January 9, 2023.

**6: Availability of Document:** Documents pertaining to this SEPA consultation are available for review on the project website at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/fircrest-school-project>.

**7: Name of Agency, Proponent, or Applicant Giving Notice:** Harvey Perez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, PO Box 45848, Olympia, WA 98504.

  
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