

**Department of Environmental Quality
Permitting & Compliance Division
Public Water & Subdivision Bureau / Subdivision Section**

Environmental Assessment

Name of Project: New Horizons
Location of Project: Sec 30, T11N, R3W

Type of Project: Subdivision E.Q. #06-2854
County:

Description of Project: 4 Lot Subdivision. Served by onsite water supply and onsite sewage disposal.

Summary of Issues: Include issues and concerns / resource conflicts identified by staff and the public.

Affected Environment & Impacts of the Proposed Project:

Key: Summarize impacts as follows: NA - Not applicable, N - No impact, B - potentially beneficial impact, A - potentially adverse impact, M mitigation required, P - additional permits required (when additional DEQ permits are required, this review must be coordinated between bureaus)

Under Comment below include frequency, duration (long or short term) magnitude (quantify or qualify) and context for any impacts identified (Each category includes a tickler list of items to consider - this does not mean each one needs to be addressed.

Rather, if an issue related to that topic has been raised then provide some additional information. Address impacts related to issues and concerns. Identify reasonable feasible mitigation measures where significant impacts could be avoided and note impacts which are irreversible, irretrievable. Relate discussion to issues. Include background information on affected environment if necessary to discussion. Utilize negative declarations where appropriate (wetlands, T&E, Cultural Resources)

Key	PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT
N	<p>1. Soil Suitability, Topographic and/or Geologic Constraints (soil moisture, unstable soils or geologic conditions, steep slopes, erosion potential, subsidence potential, seismic activity)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: SOILS ARE SUITABLE FOR ONSITE SYSTEMS. NO UNSTABLE SOILS, STEEP SLOPES OR GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS EXISTS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE USE OF AN ONSITE SYSTEM. GROUNDWATER WAS COMPLETED.</p>
NA	<p>2. Hazardous Facilities (power lines, hazardous waste sites, distances from explosive and flammable hazards including chemical/petrochemical storage tanks, underground fuel storage tanks and related facilities such as natural gas storage facilities and propane tanks)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: TWO MAJOR IRRIGATION DITCHES ABUT THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH AND WEST SIDE.</p>
A	<p>3. Air Quality (effects to and from project, dust, odors, emissions)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: LIMITED AMOUNT OF DUST AND ODORS WITH THE CONSTRUCTION ROADS AND BUILDINGS.</p>
A	<p>4. Groundwater Resources & Aquifers (quality/nondegradation, quantity/reliability, distribution, uses/rights, # of aquifers, mixing zones)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: A- NONSIGNIFICANT DETERMINATION AND WATER QUANTITY AND DEPENDABILITY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.</p>
N	<p>5. Surface Water Resources (quality/nondegradation, quantity/reliability, distribution, uses/rights, stormwater controls, source of community supply, community treatment, mixing zones)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: PHOSPHORUS BREAKTHROUGH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SURFACE WATER WILL NOT BE USED AS A POTABLE WATER SOURCE.</p>
A	<p>6. Vegetation and Wildlife species and habitats, including fisheries and aquatic resources (threatened, endangered, sensitive species, prime habitat, population stability, potential for human wildlife conflicts, effectiveness of postdisturbance plans)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NO ENDANGERED OR SENSITIVE SPECIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THIS AREA IS USED BY LARGE GAME ANIMALS AS A FORAGING HABITAT.</p>
N	<p>7. Unique, Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resources (biologic, topographic, wetlands (within 1 mile), floodplains (within 1 mile), scenic rivers, natural resource areas, etc)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NONE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.</p>
A	<p>8. Land Use (Waste disposal, Agricultural Lands (grazing, cropland, , forest lands, prime farmland), Recreational Lands (waterways, parks, playgrounds, open space, federal lands), Access, Commercial and Industrial Facilities (production & activity, growth or decline), Growth, land use change, development activity)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: LAND IS UNDEVELOPED AND HAS BEEN UTILIZED AS IRRIGATED HAY GROUND. NOT IDENTIFIED AS AN AREA OF PRIME FARMLAND; SEVERE LIMITATION FOR AGRICULTURE.</p>
NA	<p>9. Historical, Cultural, & Archeological (sites, facilities, uniqueness, diversity)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NONE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.</p>
NA	<p>10. Aesthetics (visual quality, nuisances, odors, noise)</p> <p>COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: LIMITED AMOUNT OF NOISE FROM A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.</p>
A	<p>11. DEMANDS ON/ CHANGES IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES INCLUDING LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY USE (need for new or upgraded energy sources, potential for recycling, etc)</p> <p>(See #8, #4, #5) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A SMALL EFFECT ON THE USE OF WATER RESOURCES AND ENERGY. AIR QUALITY COULD BE AFFECTED BY WOOD BURNING AND CONSTRUCTION.</p>

Key	IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION
N	12. CHANGES IN DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS (population quantity, distribution and density, rate of change) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE LIMITED AFFECT ON THE POPULATION DENSITY.
B	13. General Housing Conditions (quality, quantity and affordability) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NOT KNOWN
N	14. Potential for Displacement or Relocation of Business or Residents COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION NONE – VACANT LAND USED AS IRRIGATED HAY FIELDS.
N	15. Public Health and Safety (Medical services and facilities, Police, Fire Protection & Hazards (see #2), Emergency Medical Services, (see land use for waste disposal)) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT IS 8 MILES, FIRE DEPARTMENT 2½ MILES AND HOSPITAL IS 8½ MILES. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCREASE THE AREA COVERED BY THE DEPARTMENTS.
B	16. Local Employment and Income Patterns (quantity and distribution of employment, economic impact) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: THE DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE LITTLE AFFECT ON LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC IMPACT.
N	17. Local and State Tax Base and Revenues COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: SHOULD BE A BENEFIT FOR BOTH LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE.
N	18. Effects on Social Structures and Mores (standards of Social Conduct/Social Conventions) Demand on Social Services (law enforcement, Educational Facilities (libraries, schools colleges, universities) welfare, etc) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: WILL HAVE A LIMITED EFFECT ON DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS. NOT KNOWN TO THE EFFECT ON WELFARE OR STANDARDS OF SOCIAL CONDUCT.
N	19. Transportation Networks (condition and use of roads, traffic flow conflicts, rail, airport compatibility etc) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: INTERIOR ROADS WILL BE BUILT TO LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY STANDARDS. 64 OR MORE ADDITIONAL VEHICLAR TRIPS ADDED TO JOHN G. MINE ROAD AND GREEN MEADOW DRIVE. INTERIOR ROADS WILL BE PRIVATELY MAINTAINED.
N	20. Consistency with local ordinances, resolutions, or plans (conformance with local comprehensive plans, zoning or capital improvement plans) COMMENTS AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION: HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNTY SANITARIAN AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
NA	21. Regulatory Restrictions on Private Property Rights (Are we regulating pursuant to a police power? Does the Agency action restrict the use of the property beyond the minimum necessary to achieve compliance with the Act? What are the costs of such additional restrictions resulting from proposed permit conditions? Are other less restrictive ways of achieving the same goal? See your assigned legal counsel for assistance preparing this section.) Comments and Source of Information:

22. Description of and Impacts of Other Alternatives Considered:
A. IF SUBDIVISION NOT APPROVED, NO IMPACT WOULD OCCUR
B. IF APPROVED, PROPOSAL COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES
23. Public Involvement: *Identify dates of meetings, comment periods, numbers of comments, etc and reference any attached responses, if any were appropriate to this project.*
24. Other Bureaus and Governmental Agencies with Jurisdiction: County Commissioners & County Health Department
25. Summary of Magnitude and Significance of Potential Impacts:
26. Cumulative Effects: No significant long term impacts with conditions (complies with all applicable laws and rules)

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis:

EIS More Detailed EA No Further Analysis

Rationale for Recommendation: No significant long-term impacts.

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