



CITY OF PORT ORCHARD SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The City of Port Orchard will be updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) through 2012 in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology and in accordance with the State law (WAC 173-26). The City has identified the Public participation component as a crucial element of the SMP update and a necessary tool for local governments to involve and document the public process and encourage interested parties and agencies to participate throughout the SMP update.

The goal of the public participation plan is to inform and to involve agencies, stakeholders, and the public, to solicit early and continuous feedback from the community and stakeholders, and to assist in the decision-making process. The updated SMP will be consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the SMP Guidelines adopted by the Washington State legislature.

Objectives

The objectives of the public participation plan are:

- To educate Port Orchard residents, property owners, and stakeholders about the Shoreline Master Program update.
- To provide the public and stakeholders with opportunities for participation in the development of the plan, through comments, surveys, mailings and public meetings, and to incorporate public input into the decision-making process.
- To actively encourage participation of all people and organizations affected by shoreline jurisdiction.
- To coordinate the SMP update with neighboring cities and Kitsap County.
- To consult and solicit comments from multi-jurisdictional agencies and local Tribes, incorporating and responding to comments as appropriate.

Roles and Responsibilities

The City of Port Orchard is responsible for the update of the SMP in compliance with State guidelines (WAC 126-73), as well as terms of Grant contract G1000018.

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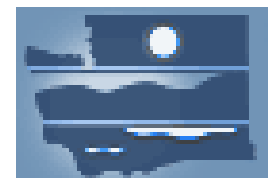
Key Parties

All property owners within shoreline jurisdiction
Port Orchard City Council
Port Orchard Planning Commission
Port of Bremerton
Suquamish Tribe
Washington State Department of Ecology



Additional Stakeholders

Bay Street Association
Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce
City of Bremerton
Port of Bremerton
West Sound Utility District
City of Poulsbo
City of Bainbridge Island
Puget Sound Partnership
Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners
Kitsap County
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Washington State Department of Commerce
WRIA 15
West Sound Watersheds Council
SeaGrant



Public Participation / Involvement Strategies

1. Mailings. The City has compiled a list of property owners and addresses within shoreline jurisdiction. The owners will be sent a mailing regarding the SMP update process and an invitation to the kick-off meeting.
2. Database. In addition to the property owners list, a database will be maintained and continuously updated with the names, addresses, and email addresses of people and organizations that wish to receive updates on the process.
3. Webpage. A webpage, linked to the main City of Port Orchard website, will be established and updated on a regular basis. This website will have a schedule of meetings, links to information about the SMP process, a link to an online survey, and draft documents as they are approved. It will also include an email address for comments, which will be forwarded to the appropriate staff person, and incorporated into a comment summary worksheet.
4. Public meetings. An SMP Update Kick-off meeting will be held in conjunction with a Planning Commission meeting to engage and inform stakeholders and the public. The Planning Commission will be the main forum for discussion during Phases 1 and 2 of the update, and will receive monthly updates from staff, along with any draft materials that have been prepared. For Phase 3 and beyond, a Shoreline Advisory Committee will be formed, consisting of members of the Planning Commission and key stakeholder groups. Members will consist of two or three Planning Commissioners and other members appointed as by the Mayor. The Shoreline Advisory Committee will meet regularly during Phase 3, and make regular updates to the Planning Commission. Prior to adoption of the Draft SMP, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the document as a whole before sending it to Ecology for approval.
5. Media. The City will use flyers, brochures, and press-releases, as appropriate, to publicize meetings, and will notice public hearings in the local newspaper in accordance with State law.

Schedule

- October 2009 – Website and online survey will be on the City website, as well as email links to comment on SMP to Staff.
- October 2009 – Send mailings, press releases, and email distribution invitation to SMP update open house “kick-off” meeting at Planning Commission meeting.
- October 2009 – December 2011 – Provide monthly updates and draft SMP products to Planning Commission
- September 2010 – Convene the Shoreline Advisory Committee and begin writing policy.
- June 2011 – Hold public meeting on release of Draft Shoreline Master Program.