



# City of Raymond Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update

## Update Required Under State Law

The City of Raymond will be updating your **Shoreline Master Program (SMP)** over the next three years to meet the new guidelines required by the **Shoreline Management Act**. The city last updated its SMP 20 years ago in 1994.

The State of Washington adopted new **Guidelines for SMPs** in 2003. These guidelines enacted several changes to the scope of SMPs that prompted the update process. State law did not require the city to begin the update process until July 2013. The anticipated completion date will be around September 2016.

This will be an excellent opportunity for city residents to review their SMP to ensure it remains a valid document to guide development along our shorelines.

## What's in your SMP?

The basic format of your SMP will have seven required **SMP Elements**:

- 1 General goals, policies, and regulations on:
  - Critical areas, including flood hazard areas
  - Public access
  - Shoreline vegetation and conservation
  - Water quality, stormwater, and nonpoint pollution
  - Archaeological and historic resources
- 2 Environment designations on map with accompanying policies and regulations
- 3 Shoreline modification policies and regulations dealing with shoreline stabilization, docks, piers, fills, beach and dune management, dredging, and habitat projects
- 4 Shoreline use policies and regulations specifically covering:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Aquaculture</li> <li>• Boating facilities</li> <li>• Commercial development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest practices</li> <li>• Industry</li> <li>• In-stream structural uses</li> <li>• Mining</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational development</li> <li>• Residential development</li> <li>• Transportation &amp; parking</li> <li>• Utilities</li> </ul>
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- 5 Administrative provisions
- 6 Goals and policies for restoration of impaired ecological functions
- 7 Definitions

### What is the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)?

The State Legislature passed Washington's Shoreline Management Act in 1971 and the voters approved it in 1972. The overarching goal of the Act is "to prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's shorelines." A Shoreline Master Program is the county's policy document for implementing the SMA locally.

The SMA applies to

- All marine waters
- Streams & rivers with a flow greater than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
- Lakes 20 acres or larger
- Upland areas 200 feet from the shoreline & associated wetlands

Three basic policies guide the SMA:

1. Locate only preferred uses along shorelines – single family homes, ports, water recreational uses, water dependent commercial & industrial uses, & water oriented uses that provide public access opportunities
2. Protect shoreline natural resources – the land and its vegetation & wildlife along with the water with its aquatic life
3. Ensure public access and encourage water-oriented recreational opportunities along shorelines

Attached to the final SMP document will be a series of **reports** created during the **Plan Preparation Process**. These reports provide important background information about how your SMP was developed.

## How will the SMP update process happen?

There are **Six Phases** involved in the county's **Plan Preparation Process**:

- 1 Determine where **Shoreline Jurisdiction** will apply & develop and initiate **Public Participation Plan**.
- 2 Prepare Shoreline **Inventory, Shoreline Analysis & Characterization Report** that compiles existing scientific, social, and economic data about county shorelines and provides analysis about its ecological function and processes, future demand for shoreline space, public access needs.
- 3 Facilitate the **Community Vision** for shoreline management; prepare **Goals, Policies, Regulations, & Environment Designations** that implement the vision. A **Cumulative Impact Analysis Report** examines the draft's affect on the shoreline environment.
- 4 Prepare **Restoration Plan Report, No Net Loss Report**, and revisit the plan as needed to assure consistency with local vision and state guidelines.
- 5 **Local Approval** is the final phase at the county level process.
- 6 **State Approval** process reviews our SMP for consistency with Shoreline Master Program Guidelines

## How to Get Involved

The City of Raymond is committed to involving any residents wanting to be involved in the development of the SMP, whether you do or do not live along the shoreline.

The city will be hosting a series of community workshops and organizing a variety of working groups throughout the planning process that you can participate in making your voice heard. You will find information about public participation opportunities posted on the county's website at [www.cityofraymond.com](http://www.cityofraymond.com) on the Public Works Department page.

You can also learn more about the Shoreline Management Act and Shoreline Master Program planning process at the Washington State Department of Ecology website at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/index.html).

If you would like to read the Shoreline Management Act, you can find it under [Chapter 90.58 RCW](#). The SMP Guidelines are available under [Chapter 173-26 WAC](#).

If you would like to be on an automatic email list to receive updates on the SMP planning process, please send your name and email address to [raymondpw@willapabay.org](mailto:raymondpw@willapabay.org).

**We look forward to planning for the future of our shorelines with you!**