



SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

Goals, Policies, and Analysis

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INTRODUCTION

Washington's Shoreline Management Act (SMA) was passed by the Legislature in 1971 and adopted by the public in a 1972 referendum. The goal of the SMA is "to prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's shorelines." The SMA establishes a balance of authority between local and state government. Cities and counties are the primary regulators, but the State has authority to review local shoreline management programs and permit decisions.

The SMA has three broad policies:

- Encourage water-dependent and water-oriented uses: "uses shall be preferred which are consistent with control of pollution and prevention of damage to the natural environment, or are unique to or dependent upon use of the states' shorelines...."
- Promote public access: "the public's opportunity to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of natural shorelines of the state shall be preserved to the greatest extent feasible consistent with the overall best interest of the state and the people generally."
- Protect shoreline natural resources, including "...the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and the water of the state and their aquatic life...."

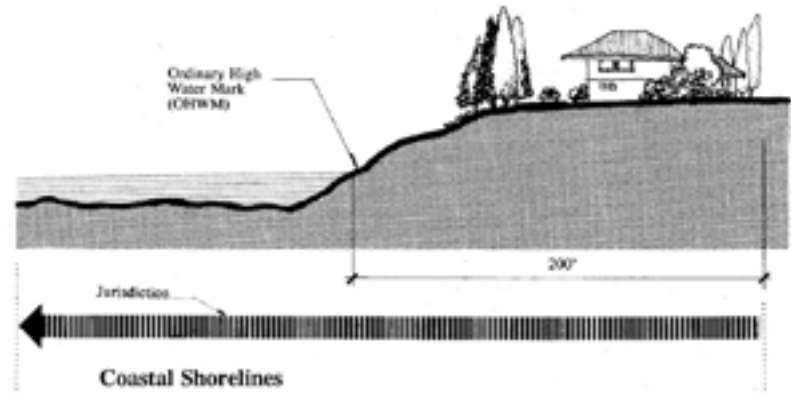
Shoreline Jurisdiction

The SMA, and this Master Program, apply to all "shorelines of the state." Shorelines of the state include all "shorelines" and "shorelines of statewide significance" within Washington. Shorelines, as defined by the SMA, are all water areas together with the lands underlying them, which meet certain flow or acreage criteria. Shorelines of statewide significance are certain water areas that the Legislature has determined to have a unique character warranting special status and protection. Within the City of Shoreline there are only shorelines of statewide significance- the approximately 3.5 miles of Puget Sound coastline. No other water areas within Shoreline meet the criteria set forth in the SMA.

In addition to the actual water areas, the SMA and this Master Program apply to shorelands. Shorelands are the area 200 feet landward of the ordinary high watermark (OHWM) of all waters subject to the SMA's provisions.

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Shoreline Master Programs

Under the SMA, each city and county adopts a Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that is based on State guidelines, but tailored to the specific needs of the community. Local SMPs combine both policies and regulations to guide and control development within the shoreline area. The plans are a comprehensive vision of how shoreline areas will be used and developed over time. Regulations are the standards that shoreline projects and uses must meet.

The Shoreline Management Act (SMA), chapter 90.58 RCW requires the City to have a shoreline master program setting forth goals, policies, and use regulations for those areas within the jurisdictional boundaries of the SMA. After incorporation, the City relied on King County's 1996 Shoreline Management Master Program for compliance with the SMA.

This changed in 2013 when the City's current Shoreline Master Program (SMP) was adopted on August 5, 2013 via Ordinance No. 668 and became effective on September 2, 2013. The City Council adopted updates to the SMP on June 17, 2019 via Ordinance No. 856. The SMP is codified at Division II of SMC Title 20, Chapters SMC 20.200, 20.210, 20.220, and 20.230. and 20.240. Title 20 can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Shoreline/#!/html/Shoreline20/Shoreline20.html>

The link to the 2019 SMP will live on the Comprehensive Plan web page:
<https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/planning-community-development/city-plans/comprehensive-plan-and-master-plans/comprehensive-plan>



Driftwood

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Goals and Policy

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

Goal Provide for economically productive uses that are particularly dependent on their shoreline location or use.

Objective Plan for economic activity that is water-dependent, water-related, or that provides an opportunity for a substantial number of people to enjoy the shoreline and water.

PUBLIC ACCESS ELEMENT

Goal Increase public access to publicly-owned areas of the shoreline.

Objective Provide for public access to publicly owned shoreline areas, except where deemed inappropriate due to safety hazards, inherent security problems, environmental impacts, or conflicts with adjacent uses.

RECREATIONAL ELEMENT

Goal Develop public and private recreation opportunities that are compatible with adjacent uses and that protect the shoreline environments.

Objective Provide for the preservation and enlargement of public and private recreational opportunities and recreational facilities along the shoreline, including but not limited to, parks and recreational areas, wherever appropriate.

CIRCULATION ELEMENT

Goal Provide inter-connected, efficient, and safe transportation networks to and around the shoreline to accommodate vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Objective Provide for a safe and adequate circulation system, including existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, and other public utilities and facilities within the shoreline jurisdiction that benefit permitted uses without degrading the environment or aesthetic values of the area.

SHORELINE USE ELEMENT

Goal Regulate land use patterns to locate activity and development in areas of the shoreline that will be compatible with adjacent uses and will be sensitive to existing shoreline environments, habitat, and ecological systems.

Objective Include protections for the natural environment and adjacent uses in the Shoreline Development Code, Point Wells Subarea Plan, Saltwater Park master planning efforts, and other regulatory framework for development along the shoreline.

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CONSERVATION ELEMENT

Goal Conserve and protect the natural resources of the shoreline including, but not limited to scenic vistas, aesthetics, and vital estuarine areas for fisheries and wildlife protection.

Objective Through the use of best available science, develop and implement siting criteria, design standards, and best management practices that promote the long term enhancement of unique shoreline features, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat.

HISTORICAL/CULTURAL ELEMENT

Goal Identify, preserve, protect, and restore shoreline areas, buildings, and sites having historical, cultural, educational, or scientific values.

Objective Educate citizens on historical, cultural, and scientific significance of shoreline structures, amenities, and functions.

FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT

Goal Protect the City of Shoreline and other property owners from losses and damage created by flooding along the coast and sea-level rise.

Objective Seek regional solutions to flooding problems through coordinated planning with state and federal agencies, other appropriate interests, and the public.

Objective Develop a plan to mitigate and adapt to potentially altered environmental conditions along the coastline resulting from climate change.

RESTORATION ELEMENT

Goal Improve water quality, reduce the impacts of flooding events; and restore natural areas, vegetation, and habitat functions.

Objective Seek funding for restoration projects within the shoreline jurisdiction and require development proposals to address habitat restoration and water quality.

Objective Engage in discussions with other municipalities that border the Puget Sound and BNSF railroad regarding efforts to benefit fish passage and nutrient transfer.

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Environment Designations

Part of the process of drafting regulations involved classifying areas of the coastline according to their historic and existing conditions, and ecological function. This map is included as Figure SMP1.

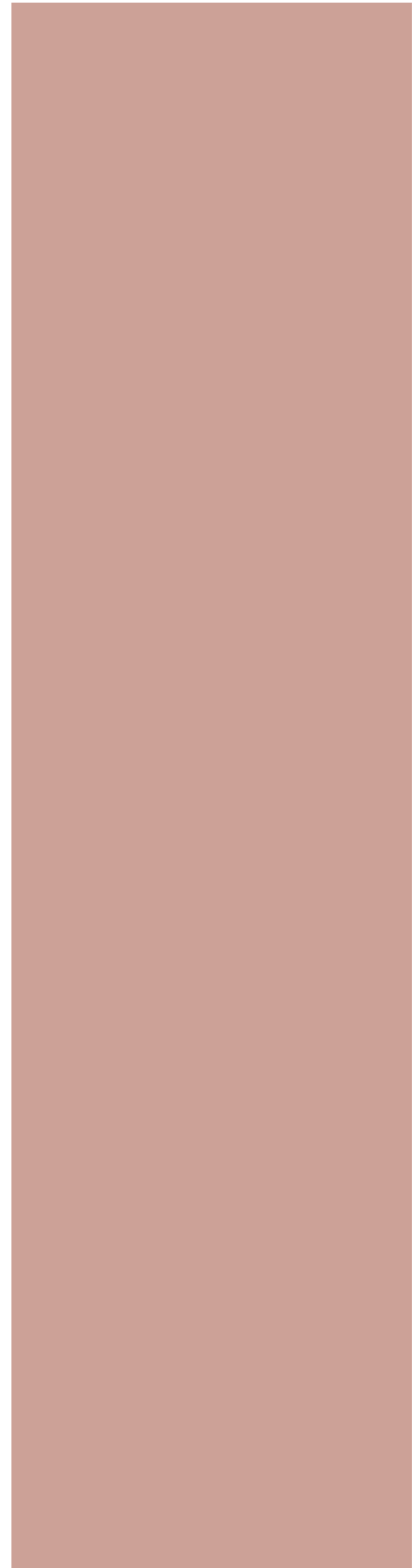


Figure SMP-1 "Environment Designations

**Point Wells
Future Service
Annexation Area**

Woodway

Puget
Sound

Hidden
Lake



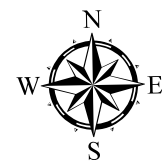
City of Shoreline
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

2012
City of Shoreline
SMP Update Map

Proposed Shoreline
Environment Designations

**Environmental Designation
Type**

-  Aquatic
-  Point Wells Urban
-  Point Wells Urban Conservancy
-  Shoreline Residential
-  Urban Conservancy
-  Waterfront Residential
-  Wetland



0 320 640 1,280 1,920 2,560
Feet



Data Source: City of Shoreline GIS
Projection: NAD_1983_HARN_StatePlane_
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**Shoreline
Master
Plan**

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