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TO: Public
FROM: Ben Shumaker, Planning Director
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SUBJECT: Public Release Shoreline Management Program

Introduction

This memo describes the documents produced in furtherance of the Shoreline Management Program Update. This update is required by the State of Washington through the Department of Ecology and includes several documents and phases of review and comment. The documents available for public review are online at <http://ci.stevenson.wa.us/shorelines/>. The website also includes a fuller description of the phases that led to this point and future phases.

Draft Program Review



Options for Commenting

Written comments in electronic format are preferred and may be sent to planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us. Written comments may also be submitted in paper form to **Stevenson City Hall, 7121 East Loop Road, PO Box 371, Stevenson, WA 98648**.

Verbal comments will be accepted at the Planning Commission meeting on **Monday, April 9th, 2018 at 6:00pm**. This **public hearing** will be held at the **Port of Skamania County's Tichenor Building, Suite 60** following an open house discussion of the program's components.

City Response to Comments

All comments received during this process will be summarized in table-format showing the Comment Topic (with citation if possible), the Commenter, the Comment, and the City's Response and Rationale (including citations where changes are made). Amendments made based on the comments will be tracked and reported prior to a recommendation of approval by the City Council. As part of the City Council consideration of the SMP, a SEPA threshold determination will be made and additional public comment will be solicited and considered.

Guide to the Program Documents

The following documents have been placed on the City website and comments are welcome on any/all of them.

Published Notice: This document is the legal notice published in the Skamania County Pioneer during the public comment period.

Staff Explanation of Master program Documents: This is the memo you are reading.

Inventory & Characterization Report: Included under the red cover, this report on existing conditions provides the snapshot of shoreline ecological functions that is used as the basis for the Cumulative Impacts Analysis.

Shoreline Master Program: Included under the blue cover, this the regulatory document which would control how new developments, uses, and modifications of shoreline areas will be permitted. The City hopes that the public will devote the most time to this document.

Shoreline Restoration Plan: Included under the green cover, this plan details voluntary projects that can be completed to improve ecological functions in degraded shoreline areas.

Cumulative Impacts Analysis: This document has a gray cover and projects whether gains or losses of shoreline ecological functions will occur through implementation of the Shoreline Master Program and Shoreline Restoration Plan

SMC 18.08 – Shoreline Management: This draft municipal code update is a companion to the SMP and provides the process for review of proposed developments, uses, and modifications of shoreline areas.

SMC 18.13.105 & SMC 15.24: These draft municipal code amendments deal with development in federally designated floodplains, and upon approval by the Department of Ecology would become part of the SMP.

SMC 18.13.110 & SMC 13.30: These documents are intended to replace the current Municipal Code provisions for Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas. Upon approval by Ecology, they would also become part of the SMP.

Additional updates to SMC 18.13 – Critical Areas & Natural Resource Lands are expected to be put forth by the City Planning Commission for inclusion as part of the SMP. Unfortunately, those provisions are not available at the time of this writing. However, prior to final City action on them—or the Shoreline Management Program Update—the City will solicit additional public comment, and their effects, if any, will be evaluated under future drafts of the Cumulative Impacts Analysis.