

# King County Shoreline Master Program

## 2019 Periodic Review Public Participation Plan

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### Introduction

King County is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other King County plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data. The King County Executive will develop proposed amendments to the SMP, which will then be transmitted to the King County Council for review and possible adoption.

A Public Participation Plan is required to describe how King County will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of reviewing the SMP. This Public Participation Plan describes the steps that King County will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as County contact information and web addresses. This plan is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by KCC 20.18. This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

### 1.0 Public Participation Goals

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from residents, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the Periodic Review process.
- Reach underserved and underrepresented residents and communities to ensure public input is fully representative of all that are served by King County.
- Encourage interested parties to informally review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide those comments to decision makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

## 2.0 Public Participation Opportunities

King County is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process. King County will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage their participation, as shown below.

### COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH TOOLS

The following tools will be used to provide information about the SMP update and ways to participate. These tools are specific to development of the Executive's proposed amendments to the SMP. The King County Council will also provide multiple opportunities to facilitate public input on their review and potential adoption of the Executive's proposal. All public communication materials will be developed consistent with the County's Translation Policy requirements.

#### SMP Website

There will be a webpage within the County's Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) site that will be dedicated to the Executive's proposed amendments to the SMP and will provide links to online technical information. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the Executive's Periodic Review process. Interested parties can also access status updates, draft documents, schedule, official notices, and other project information. The page will include who to contact for more information, an email link for questions and comments on the Executive's proposal, and GovDelivery email subscription list to help facilitate public input.

The Executive's SMP Webpage is: [www.kingcounty.gov/shorelines](http://www.kingcounty.gov/shorelines)

#### Postcard Mailings

During development of the Executive's proposal, postcards will be mailed to all shoreline property owners based on GIS data with information on upcoming public meetings, a link to the website where they can find more information about the project and sign up for email updates.

#### Print and Social Media

Information on the Executive's SMP process will be advertised through social media in related County mailings and newsletters, as well as other print media. The Executive will issue press releases for public meetings and key project milestones.

#### Email Notice Mailing List

An email list of interested parties will be created, advertised and maintained by DPER. The list will be used to notify interested parties regarding Executive's Periodic Review progress and participation opportunities. Initial notification will be given from a variety of existing email lists, such as the Comprehensive Plan list, former SMP list, and Community Service Areas list. The Executive will provide the Council the SMP email list for use during their review and potential adoption of the Executive's proposal.

## ENGAGEMENT AND COMMENT TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The following tools will be used to invite comment and feedback. These tools are specific to development of the Executive's proposed amendments to the SMP. The King County Council will also provide multiple opportunities to facilitate public input on their review and potential adoption of the Executive's proposal.

### SMP Website and Mailed Comments

The Executive's SMP website will contain a comment form where the public can send in comments throughout development of the Executive's proposed amendments to the SMP. Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments to King County by letter or email. A summary of all comments, with responses to the issues raised, will be forwarded to the King County Council upon transmittal of the Executive's proposed SMP. The Periodic Review webpage will be the central repository for information under consideration during development of the Executive's proposed SMP amendments. If residents are unable to access documents electronically at home, work, or a library, copies will be provided upon request.

**Comments regarding the Executive's proposal may be sent electronically to:  
[permittinglegislation@kingcounty.gov](mailto:permittinglegislation@kingcounty.gov)**

**Comments regarding the Executive's proposal may be sent by postal mail to:**

**2019 Shoreline Master Program Review  
King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review  
35030 SE Douglas St, Suite 210  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065**

### Open House and Online Open House

King County Executive will initiate the Periodic Review with a community open house held on Vashon-Maury Island, the area most likely impacted by the proposed changes. For those unable to attend in person an interactive open house will be posted on the project webpage and King County Connects. King County Connects offers both registration and anonymous participation. The online open house will be designed to provide links to proposal, summary, and background documents, as well as a narrative experience to help people understand the proposal.

### Public Hearing and Legislative Process

The King County Council will hold at least one public hearing prior to adopting proposed revisions to the Shoreline Master Program. A King County Council committee will hold one or more committee meeting on the Executive's proposed SMP, and then will make a recommendation. The full Council will then hold the public hearing, following public notice of the hearing. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments during the hearing and throughout the King County Council's review process. Official notices will be published as established in King County policy.

## 3.0 List of Stakeholders

The King County Executive will engage the following stakeholders during development of the Executive's proposed amendments to the SMP:

1. **Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties**
2. **Groundwater Committee:** Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Committee is the only active groundwater committee of the four in King County. They serve the Vashon-Maury Island community and is made up of nine volunteer members.
3. **King County Rural Forest Commission:** an advisory group of 13 volunteer members who represent a variety of rural forest interests. They advise the County on policies and programs affecting rural forests.
4. **Agriculture Commission:** consists of 15 members, all appointed by the County Executive. They advise the County on agriculture-related policies and programs.
5. **Community Service Area Committees:** Bear Creek/Sammamish, Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County, Four Creeks/Tiger Mountain, Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River, Southeast King County, West King County, Vashon/Maury Island.
6. **Unincorporated Area Organizations:** including but not limited to the Citizen's Alliance for Property Rights, Community Alliance to Reach Out and Engage, Fall City Community Association, Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council, Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council, Green Valley/Lake Holm Association, and Upper Bear Creek Community Council.
7. **WRIA Groups:** WRIA 7 Snohomish, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, WRIA 9 for Green/Duwamish, WRIA 10 White River, WRIA 15 Kitsap (includes Vashon-Maury Island), and Central Puget Sound Watershed.
8. **Environmental Groups:** Futurewise, People for Puget Sound, The Nature Conservancy, Washington Environmental Council, WildFish Conservancy Northwest, and Puget Soundkeepers Alliance.
9. **Tribes:** Muckleshoot Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Puyallup Tribe, Snoqualmie Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe, and Tulalip Tribes.
10. **Federal and State agencies:** US Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration – Fisheries Division, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Commerce, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Department of Transportation – Northwest Region, Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.
11. **Adjacent jurisdictions and King County cities:** Algona, Auburn, Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Milton, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, Yarrow Point, Snohomish County, Kitsap County, Pierce County, Kittitas County, and Chelan County.
12. **Regional and Local Utilities:** Puget Sound Energy and Seattle Public Utilities.

13. **Equity and Social Justice Stakeholders:** collaboration with community organizations that serve communities of color, people living with low-incomes, immigrants and refugees.

14. **Lake groups and Lake Management Districts:** Lake Geneva Lake Management District and Friends of Cottage Lake.

15. **Boating and fishing groups:** Washington Fly Fishing Club, Trout Unlimited, and Recreational Boating Association of Washington.

## 4.0 Public Participation Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. King County will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

Time	Goals
Fall 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Begin process</li><li>▪ Finalize Public Participation Plan</li><li>▪ Hold open houses and provide online materials</li><li>▪ Develop draft</li></ul>
Winter 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Develop draft</li><li>▪ Begin legislative process and Council review</li><li>▪ Begin review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)</li></ul>
Spring 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Continue Council review</li><li>▪ Public hearing</li><li>▪ Adoption</li></ul>

## 5.0 Public Comment Periods and Hearings

King County will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology’s optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104).

King County will conduct a public comment period and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the Periodic Review. The number and timing of hearings will be determined during the process.

Public notice of all hearings will state who is holding the comment period and/or hearing, the date and time, and the location of any public hearing. Notices will be published per official policy and comply with all other legal requirements, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. A notice will be sent to the email list (see section 2.0 above) and the Department of Ecology.