



SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PERIODIC UPDATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Introduction

The City of Langley (City) is undertaking a periodic update of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58.080[4]). The Shoreline Management Act requires each SMP be reviewed, and revised if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the state Legislature. The review ensures that the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to describe how the City will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the SMP Periodic Update. This Public Participation Plan includes several opportunities for public involvement in a variety of formats.

This plan is a working document and may be adjusted as needed over the course of the SMP Periodic Update to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

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 citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the SMP Periodic Update.
- Encourage interested parties to review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide comments to decision-makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at key project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and tribes.

Public Participation Opportunities

The City is committed to providing several opportunities for public participation throughout the process and will use a variety of methods to inform the public and encourage participation, including the following:

City Staff

At any time during the SMP Periodic Update, Brigid Reynolds, Director of Community Planning, can be reached with any comments or questions. She can be reached via phone at (360) 221-4246, extension 26, or via email at the following address:

planning@langleywa.org

Website

The City's website will be the primary repository of all information related to the SMP Periodic Update, including draft documents and notices. The City webpage for the SMP Periodic Update can be found at:

http://cms4.revize.com/revize/langleywashington/departments/community_planning_and_building_department/shoreline_master_plan.php

City Hall

In addition to the website, all documents under consideration will be available for review at Langley City Hall.

List of Interested Parties

The City will maintain a list of all parties interested in the SMP Periodic Update. The list will be used to notify interested parties at key process milestones. Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting City staff (see "City Staff" above for contact information).

Open Houses

The City anticipates holding two open houses during the SMP Periodic Update. The first open house will be held to inform the community about update considerations and process, and to hear any initial concerns. A second open house will be held after draft SMP amendments have been prepared to share work products and get feedback.

Planning Advisory Board & City Council Meetings

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) will be the primary forum for the SMP Periodic Update. The PAB will consider the SMP update during its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Langley City Council will also consider the SMP Periodic Update during at least one meeting before final adoption. Both PAB and City Council meetings are open to the public.

Public Comment Periods & Public Hearings

The City plans to take advantage of the optional joint review process for SMP amendments, which allows for a joint state-local comment period and public hearing (WAC 173-26-104).

The joint state-local comment period will run concurrent with the comment period required pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Comments submitted during the joint state-local comment period will be reviewed both by the City and the Washington State Department of Ecology. No additional comment period will occur during state review.

A public hearing will be held during the joint-state local comment period.

News Media

The local news media will be kept up to date on the SMP Periodic Update and receive copies of all official notices.

Stakeholders

The City will coordinate with the following stakeholders on the SMP Periodic Update:

State Government Stakeholders

- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Other Governmental Stakeholders

- Port District of South Whidbey Island
- Island County

Tribal Agencies

- Tulalip Tribe
- Swinomish Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe

Community Stakeholders

- Langley residents and the general South Whidbey community
- Shoreline property owners
- City of Langley City Council
 - Parks and Open Space Commission
 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - Planning Advisory Board
 - Design Review Board

Business Stakeholders

- Nichols Brothers Boat Builders
- Langley business owners (especially those business owners and property owners located within the shoreline environment)
- Langley Chamber of Commerce

Environmental Groups

- Whidbey Watershed Stewards
- ORCA Network
- Beachwatchers
- Whidbey Environmental Action Network
- Langley Critical Areas Alliance

Recreational Groups

- Boaters
- Scuba divers
- Crabbers
- Recreational fishers

Other Stakeholders

- Commercial fishers

Anticipated Timeline

Following is the anticipated timeline for the project, highlighting key public participation opportunities. The timeline may be adjusted as the SMP Periodic Update moves forward. However, comments can be submitted to the City at any time during the project (see “City Staff” above).

2020	
March	Initial stakeholder outreach
April	Open house #1
October	Joint public comment period / SEPA comment period Open house #2 Joint public hearing
2021	
March	City Council adoption