

Introduction

The City of Auburn 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 State Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Auburn 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 Auburn will encourage early and continuous public input throughout the SMP review process, including the steps that Auburn will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as Auburn contact information and web addresses.

This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation over the course of the periodic review process.

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 citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the periodic review process.
- 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

Auburn is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process and will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage participation, including the following:

2.1 Website

Auburn’s website will include a periodic review webpage where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, minutes and other project information. It can be found at: http://www.auburnwa.gov/SMP. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the periodic review process, including draft documents, official notices, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and other project information. The page will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

2.2 Notice mailing list

An email list of interested parties will be created, advertised and maintained by the Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department and will be used to notify interested parties regarding periodic review progress and participation opportunities. Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting Thanie Gouk, Senior Planner, at 253-804-5031 or tgouk@auburnwa.gov.

2.3 Open House

Auburn will initiate the periodic review with a community open house. Public comments received during the open house will be posted on the periodic review webpage.
2.4 Public Comment Periods and Hearings
The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendation to the Auburn City Council. The Planning Commission will conduct a public comment period and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the periodic review. Prior to the hearing, the Planning Commission may hold introductory meetings to discuss the periodic review and proposed SMP revisions.

The Auburn City Council also will hold at least one introductory meeting before final adoption.

City of Auburn Staff 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).

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 (Item no. 2.2, above) and the Department of Ecology.

2.5 News media
The local news media, such as the Auburn Reporter, will be kept up to date on the periodic review process and receive copies of all official notices.

2.6 Social media
The City of Auburn will provide notice of public meetings and other opportunities for public participation via typical City public notice requirements, and in addition, its social media accounts, such as Facebook, Next Door, Twitter, etc.

2.7 Ongoing Comment
All documents under consideration will be available on the periodic review webpage and available for review at the Auburn Permit Center, 1 East Main St. 2nd Floor, Auburn. Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments by letter or e-mail. All comments will be compiled and provided to the Planning Commission and City Council.

3.0 List of stakeholders
Auburn will reach out to the following stakeholders:

- Adopt-A-Stream Foundation Northwest Stream Center
- American Rivers NW Regional Office
- Army Corps of Engineers
- City of Algona
- City of Federal Way
- City of Kent
- City of Pacific
- Forterra
- Friends of the Green River
- Futurewise
- Green River Coalition
- King County
- King County Flood Control District
- Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- National Marine Fisheries Service, Northern Puget Sound Habitat Branch
- National Parks Service; Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
- Pierce County
- Puget Sound Energy
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puyallup Tribe
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Valley Regional Fire Authority
- Washington Department of Ecology
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Environmental Council

### 4.0 Public Participation Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. Auburn Staff will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the periodic review webpage.

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