



Planning Commission Executive Summary

Issue Title: Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Update
Meeting Date: January 19, 2021
Time Required: 60 minutes
Department: Department of Community Development (DCD)
Attendees: Jeff Rimack, Angie Silva, Dave Ward, Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech

Action Requested At This Meeting:

No action requested. For briefing and discussion.

Background

The Department of Community Development is undertaking a periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program, as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58.080(4). The Shoreline Management Act requires Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program be reviewed, and revised if needed, once every eight years. The periodic review ensures the Shoreline Master Program remains current with changes in state laws and rules and remains internally consistent with County plans and regulations. This periodic review also provides an opportunity to propose clarifications and process improvements consistent with the Shoreline Management Act.

January public engagement efforts

- January 4 – Suquamish Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Point No Point Treaty Council Coordination meeting and briefing - *Complete*
- January 5 – Manchester Citizen Advisory Committee briefing - *Complete*
- January 7 – Kitsap Building Association Developers Council briefing - *Complete*
- January 7 – Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee briefing - *Complete*
- January 12 – Kitsap Building Association Builders Council briefing - *Complete*
- January 13 – Kingston Citizen Advisory Committee briefing - *Complete*
- January 21 – January monthly project update
- January 25 – Kitsap County Board of Commissioners briefing

Where we are

Development of Code Amendments (January-February 2021)

The Department is currently developing code amendments based on the [Consistency Analysis Report](#) and direction from Board of County Commissioners. At the January 19 Planning Commission meeting, Department staff will review preliminary approaches for the following sections to kick-off discussions and receive initial feedback.

- Clarification of view blockage (Section 22.150.100) and building line definition (Section 22.150.190 and 22.150.485)
- Revision of regulations for decks and viewing platforms (Section 22.400.120.D)
- Establishment of standards for stair platforms, deck landings, and trams (Section 22.400.120.D)
- Increase timeline to rebuild development after accidental destruction (Section 22.400.100.B.1.d)
- Wetland rating guidance update (Title 19 Critical Areas Ordinance, Section 19.200.220)

Next steps

The Department is preparing amendments to the following Kitsap County Code Titles with a goal of public release on February 2, 2021.

- Title 22: Shoreline Master Program
- Title 19: Critical Areas Ordinance – *update wetland ratings based on 2018 Ecology guidelines applicable to wetlands found in the shoreline jurisdiction and uplands as well.*
- Title 21: Land Use and Development Procedures – *Internal consistency update Review Authority for Shoreline Substantial Development Permits*
- Title 15: Flood Hazard Areas – *Internal consistency update definition for Floodways*

Once draft amendments are released, the Department will begin Phase 3 Review and Analysis, which includes a joint Kitsap County Planning Commission and Washington State Department of Ecology public hearing and comment period.

Proposed timeframe for joint public hearing and comment period:

- Release of draft code amendments and public comment period opens – **February 2, 2021**
- First study session with Planning Commission – *February 2*
- Second study session with Planning Commission – *February 16*
- February Monthly Project Update and Virtual Open House Refresh– *February 18*
- Joint Public Hearing with Kitsap County Planning Commission and Washington State Department of Ecology – *March 2*
- Public comment period closes – **March 3, 2021**
- Planning Commission Deliberation – *March 16, 2021*
- Planning Commissioner Deliberation and Findings of Fact – *April 6, 2021*