



City of Raymond

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: City of Raymond Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review

Description of Proposal: The City of Raymond

Proponent:

City of Raymond
230 Second Street
Raymond, WA 98577-2406

Location of Proposal, including street address, if any: The Shoreline Master Program applies to all upland and aquatic parcels within the jurisdiction of Chapter 90.58 RCW, which includes shorelands of the state along the Willapa River, South Fork of the Willapa River, Ellis Slough, and an unnamed stream. The City of Raymond does not have a designated urban growth boundary that extends beyond its municipal boundaries. The Shoreline Master Program also incorporates required provisions under the Ocean Resource Management Act.

Lead Agency: City of Raymond

The lead agency for this proposal has determined it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. The City must receive comments by 4 p.m. on February 1, 2023.

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DATE OF ISSUE: January 18, 2023

SIGNATURE:

City of Raymond
Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Environmental Checklist

A. Background
1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: City of Raymond Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Review
2. Name of applicant: City of Raymond
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Scott Pearson, PW Assistant 300 First St. Raymond, WA 98577 (360) 942-4108 / raymondpw@cityofraymond.com
4. Date checklist prepared: December 13, 2021
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Raymond
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Adoption of revisions to SMP anticipated in May 2023
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. The city will need to conduct a periodic review in another eight years per RCW 90.58.080.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. The city issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on the 2023.
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. This is a nonproject proposal. The proposed amendments to the SMP will undergo the mandatory 60-day review by state agencies.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. The SMP Periodic Review has been submitted for the required 60-day GMA review. The Washington Department of Ecology and Raymond City Council will need to approve the final SMP.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. The City of Raymond is reviewing its SMP in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.58 RCW and Chapters 173-26 and 173-27 WAC. The review incorporates amendments required for SMPs under the Revised Code of Washington and the Washington Administrative Code. All revisions to the SMP use model language provided by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

A. Background

12. Location of the proposal.

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B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other . . .

The shoreline area within the city is generally flat with some areas of steeper slopes upland of the Willapa River..

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Approximately 30%; although most shoreline areas are of a very low gradient.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Ocosta silty clay loam is the predominate soil type along shorelines with smaller areas consisting of Udorthents and Willapa silt loam.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

None.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review does provide regulations on the quality of fill and where it can/cannot be placed within the shoreline environment.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP does contain policies and regulations addressing clearing and construction within SMA jurisdiction and critical areas. Impacts of specific projects affected by policies and regulations in the SMP will be addressed by project-level State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, if required.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

The proposed SMP, the critical areas ordinance, and other city plans and development regulations require best management practices to control erosion.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

None. Management of air quality issues are directed through the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency.

B. Environmental Elements	
3. Water	
a. Surface:	
1)	<p>Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.</p> <p>Willapa River, South Fork of the Willapa River, Ellis Slough, and smaller perennial streams draining into the Willapa River, which drains into Willapa Bay, an inlet to the Pacific Ocean.</p>
2)	<p>Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.</p> <p>Not applicable, this is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review contains policies and regulation that regulate over-water work and structures. Any subsequent project-specific development proposals will be subject to the provisions of this SMP.</p>
3)	<p>Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.</p> <p>Not applicable, this is a nonproject action. The SMP contains policies and regulations that manage filling and dredging within the shoreline environment. Subsequent project-specific development proposals will be subject to the provisions of this SMP.</p>
4)	<p>Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>Not applicable, this is a nonproject action.</p>
5)	<p>Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.</p> <p>There are limited areas within shoreline jurisdiction that are within 100-year floodplain; most of these areas currently are undeveloped.</p>
6)	<p>Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.</p> <p>Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP does contain policies and regulations for limiting stormwater discharge through the application of low-impact development methods to new construction.</p>
b. Ground:	
1)	<p>Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
2)	<p>Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.</p> <p>Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. Future development in the city is required to connect to the sewer collection and treatment system.</p>
c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):	
1)	<p>Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.</p> <p>Not applicable; however, the SMP Periodic Review contains policies and regulations for controlling stormwater run-off with low-impact development methods. Subsequent project-specific development proposals will be subject to the provisions of this SMP.</p>
2)	<p>Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
3)	<p>Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:</p> <p>The SMP Periodic Review contains policies and regulations for controlling stormwater run-off with low-impact development methods. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.</p>

B. Environmental Elements
4. Plants
<p>a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deciduous tree: <u>alder</u>, <u>maple</u>, aspen, other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> evergreen tree: <u>fir</u>, <u>cedar</u>, pine, other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>shrubs</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>grass</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pasture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> crop or grain</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, rush, skunk cabbage, other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other types of vegetation</p>
<p>b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review contains regulations relating to vegetation removal/protection within the shoreline environment.</p>
<p>c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. None known.</p>
<p>d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: The SMP Periodic Review has policies and regulations for mitigating loss of vegetation, including enhancement, within critical areas.</p>
<p>e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near site: This is a nonproject action. The SMP provides provisions for addressing noxious weeds and invasive species.</p>
5. Animals
<p>a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> birds: <u>hawk</u>, <u>heron</u>, <u>eagle</u>, <u>songbirds</u>, other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mammals: <u>deer</u>, bear, elk, beaver, other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fish: bass, <u>salmon</u>, <u>trout</u>, herring, shellfish, other:</p>
<p>b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. Bull trout, Chinook salmon, chum salmon, green sturgeon, steelhead trout, and spotted owl.</p>
<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. Salmonids use the Willapa River and associated water bodies. Waterfowl, especially wood duck and dusky Canada geese, use areas along the north bank of the Willapa as a stopover point.</p>
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: The SMP Periodic Review, along with the critical areas ordinance, provides policies and regulations to protect fish and wildlife habitat within the shoreline environment. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.</p>
<p>e. List any invasive species known to be on or near the site: This is a nonproject action. Unknown.</p>
6. Energy and natural resources
<p>a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. Not applicable, this is a nonproject action. Future development will rely on a variety of energy sources for a wide range of purposes.</p>

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<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. No. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.</p>
<p>c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: None. The SMP Periodic Review does not address energy conservation.</p>
7. Environmental health
<p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.</p>
<p>3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.: Not applicable. This is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.: Not applicable. This is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any All future development within shoreline jurisdiction will undergo environmental review and be required to meet all local, state, and federal regulations related to environmental health hazards.</p>
b. Noise
<p>1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? None</p>
<p>2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. Future development may create normal short- and long-term noise related to construction and</p>
<p>3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: The critical areas ordinance, adopted by reference into the SMP, establishes noise reduction provisions for wetland buffers.</p>
8. Land and shoreline use
<p>a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? The shoreline environment has a wide range general urban land uses within the shoreline environment – residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture, public facilities, and institutional, some that extends over-water. Areas within the jurisdiction of the SMP Periodic Review that are capable of supporting development are largely built-out.</p>
<p>b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. Small-scale agriculture currently exists on a limited number of properties in the city.</p>
<p>1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting?? Not applicable. This is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>c. Describe any structures on the site. The shorelands have a wide range of structures typical of residential, commercial, industrial, public facilities, and institutional uses. The aquatic environment has docks and dolphin structures.</p>
<p>d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>

B. Environmental Elements
<p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? General Commercial (GC), Heavy Industrial (M-2), Light Industrial (M-1), Residential (RS-7) Conservation (W), Retail Core (RC), Waterfront Commercial (WFC).</p>
<p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? The updated Comprehensive Plan will establish four Districts: Residential (R), Mixed Use Commercial (MC), Industrial (I), and Conservancy (C).</p>
<p>g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? The current designations for the city's shoreline include Aquatic, High Intensity, City Waterfront, Shoreline Residential, and Urban Conservancy.</p>
<p>h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify. Critical areas in the city include wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically hazardous areas, and frequently flooded areas. There are no aquifer recharge areas for potable water supply.</p>
<p>i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? An estimated 2,917 people reside within the city (OFM 2021). Only a small number of people reside within the shoreline environment.</p>
<p>j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. (The city expects only marginal growth within the shoreline environment.)</p>
<p>k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated in relation to other city plans and development regulations.</p>
<p>l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: RCW 36.70A requires consistency between all elements of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. The SMP Periodic Review revisions meet this requirement.</p>
<p>m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any. None. The city does not have any designated agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance.</p>
9. Housing
<p>a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: The SMP is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, which plans for future housing through the Housing Element. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process and other city plans and codes.</p>
10. Aesthetics
<p>a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? No structures are proposed; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: The SMP does provide for policies and regulations that protect views and aesthetics within the shoreline environment, including height limitations.</p>
11. Light and glare
<p>a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>

B. Environmental Elements
<p>b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>
<p>c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.</p>
<p>d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: The SMP Periodic Review does provide for policies and regulations that protect views and aesthetics within the shoreline environment. Other city codes provide light and glare controls to adjacent properties and critical area buffers.</p>
12. Recreation
<p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? The shoreline environment within the City of Ramond provides a wide range of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, both on the shorelands and on the water.</p>
<p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review will increase recreational opportunities as future development occurs.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: The SMP Periodic Review sets goals, policies, and regulations for ensuring future development protects public access to the shoreline and encourages further development of recreational opportunities for all citizens.</p>
13. Historic and cultural preservation
<p>a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers. There are no known places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers within the jurisdiction of the SMP Periodic Review.</p>
<p>b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. Unknown.</p>
<p>c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.: This is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review includes goals, policies, and regulations to prevent potential impacts to cultural and historical resources if and when development occurs.</p>
<p>d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources.: This is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review includes goals, policies, and regulations to prevent potential impacts to cultural and historical resources if and when development occurs.</p>
14. Transportation
<p>a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Existing highway and streets included: Highway 101, Highway 6, Highway 105, city arterials, and local collectors.</p>
<p>b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? Pacific Transit System serves the City of Raymond with connecting the city to other local communities..</p>
<p>c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? Not applicable; this is a nonproject action.</p>

B. Environmental Elements	
d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).	Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. Future development may require a very limited extension of public rights-of-way within the shoreline environment.
e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.	Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The SMP Periodic Review allows for future water-dependent transportation activities in the aquatic areas.
f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.	Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. Future project-specific development proposals will be evaluated through the environmental review process.
g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area?:	This is a nonproject action. Future development within SMP jurisdiction will not affect the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets.
h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:	The SMP contains goals, policies, and regulations relating to future transportation development within the shoreline environment.
15. Public services	
a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.	Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. However, future growth allowed through the SMP Periodic Review may result in a marginal increase in demand for public services.
b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.	The Comprehensive Plan establishes concurrency requirements for future development that reduces impacts to public services.
16. Utilities	
a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: <u>electricity</u>, <u>natural gas</u>, <u>water</u>, <u>refuse service</u>, <u>telephone</u>, <u>sanitary sewer</u>, <u>septic system</u>, <u>other</u>.	
b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.	Not applicable; this is a nonproject action. The Comprehensive Plan and city code contains policies relating to utility development.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Date Submitted: 1-11-23

D. Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The purpose of the SMP is to limit the ability of future development to discharge water, increase emissions, and create noise that create a net loss of shoreline ecological function.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

As required under RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, the SMP Periodic Review may not create a net loss of existing ecological function resulting from future growth. The SMP Periodic Review does this by setting goals, policies, and regulations by establishing general provisions for shoreline development, ocean uses, and provisions for specific shoreline uses and modifications.

The SMP Periodic Review specifically provides for use of best management practices to protect water quality, such a low-impact development methods, to ensure the filtration of stormwater before entering waterways. Buffers for wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas are also included in the SMP Periodic Review through the adoption of the critical areas ordinance by reference.

There are other city, state, and federal provisions to manage development impacts related to air quality, water quality and noise impacts. The city's zoning ordinance contains provisions relating to the production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances. The combination of these laws reasonably will protect shoreline ecological functions from development impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The SMP will allow development or uses within areas that have flora and fauna within the shoreline environment. The extent of that affect will be limited due to the goals, policies, and regulations of the SMP Periodic Review and the city's critical areas ordinance.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

The SMP, along with the critical areas ordinance, contains provisions that will protect a wide range of habitat for flora and fauna, including establishing standards for buffers, avoidance of vegetation removal whenever feasible, and provisions for protecting the aquatic and shoreland environment. Development in and around these areas also may require technical assessments to evaluate potential impacts from development that may require avoidance or mitigation to conserve species. The SMP also includes provisions for protecting ocean fisheries.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The SMP Periodic Review allows existing and future development that may consume energy or natural resources. Conversely, the SMP addresses ocean energy production as well.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

The SMP has goals and policies that require analysis and environmental review of any future energy-related project.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The SMP will reduce the likelihood of future development negatively affecting environmentally sensitive areas within the city's shoreline environment. These areas include wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically hazardous areas, frequently flooded areas, and the ocean environment. Threatened or endangered species do exist within some of these sensitive areas.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

A major tenet of the SMP is that there will be no loss of existing shoreline ecological function. The SMP does this by establishing goals, policies, and regulations addressing ecological functions, archeology and historical preservation, flood hazard reduction, public access to shorelines, water quality and quantity, agriculture, and aquaculture. Provisions used in the SMP to protect these areas include regulating shoreline uses and modifications, application of buffers, retention of riparian vegetation, mitigation. A Shoreline Restoration Plan identifies practices and projects that will restore shoreline ecological functions within environmentally sensitive areas.

While the city is approximately 18 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the SMP Periodic Review also provides state-mandated goals, policies, and regulations relating to the protection of the ocean resources.

D. Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The SMP manages future development within the shoreline environment by limiting development to preferred uses, ensuring public access to aquatic areas, and protecting shoreline ecological function. Shoreline areas within the city capable of supporting development are mostly built out. Undeveloped areas have significant environmental limitations that discourage future development.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The SMP and the Comprehensive Plan, under the Growth Management Act must be consistent with one another. To ensure consistency, the SMP Periodic Review undergoes review by state agencies and the City of Raymond before adoption. This thorough vetting of the SMP by all parties confirms compatibility with not only local plans and codes, but state and federal ones as well. Current development patterns in the city likely will result little alteration of the shoreline.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Future development in the city allowed through the SMP may generate greater demand on transportation, public services, and utilities as a natural outgrowth of population increase. However, projected population trends do not suggest significant growth.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

The SMP, as well as the city's Comprehensive Plan, provide public policy guidance in managing future demands on transportation, public services, and utilities within the shoreline environment. The SMP Periodic Review contains specific goals, policies, and regulations on transportation and utilities, including the ocean environment, while the overall Comprehensive Plan addresses all three elements in detail, including providing requirements for concurrency, level of service standards, financing policies, and environmental protection. The elements of the comprehensive plan must show consistency with one another, thereby reducing the potential of future negative impacts.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The SMP Periodic Revision will undergo review by state agencies to ensure there is no conflict with state and federal laws. The City of Raymond has reviewed the proposed ordinance to ensure consistency with other municipal plans, policies, and regulations.