

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM: PERIODIC REVIEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



Introduction

The City of Spokane Valley 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 City plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

A Public Participation Plan is required to describe how the City will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of reviewing the SMP.

This Public Participation Plan describes the steps that the City will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well City 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.

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 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.

Public Participation Opportunities

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

City Staff

At any time during the Periodic Review process, Chaz Bates, Senior Planner, can be reached with any comments or questions. He can be reached via the following methods:

Phone: (509) 720-5337

Email: cbates@spokanevalley.org

Mail: 10210 E. Sprague Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Website

The City's website includes a Shoreline Master Program webpage where project information such as status updates, draft documents, and official notices can be accessed. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the Periodic Review process. The City webpage for the Periodic Review can be found at:

<https://www.spokanevalley.org/SMP>

City Hall

In addition to the website, all documents under consideration will be available for review at City Hall. Due to COVID-19, please contact City staff (see "City Staff" above for contact information) prior to visiting to confirm when City Hall is open to the public.

Open House

The City will hold a community open house for the Periodic Review. Due to COVID-19, the open house is expected to take place in a virtual format. The open house will review potential changes to the SMP and request public comments. A summary of public comments received during the open house will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

Email Notifications

An email list of interested parties will be maintained by the City. The list will be used to notify interested parties regarding SMP Periodic Review progress and participation opportunities. Interested parties can be added to the list by signing up via the project information webpage or contacting City Staff.

Comment

Comments to the City by letter or email are encouraged (see "City Staff" above for contact information). All comments during the joint public comment period will be provided to the Planning Commission and City Council. Comments during the joint comment period and joint public hearing will also be provided to Washington State Department of Ecology.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendations to the City Council. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments during the Planning Commission and/or City Council meetings. Official meeting notices will be published as established in City policy.

News media

The local news media will be kept up-to-date on the Periodic Review process

Public Comment Periods & Hearings

The Planning Commission will hold at least one public hearing to solicit input on the Periodic Review. The public hearing will be held during the 30-day public comment period.

The City 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 (see "Email Notifications" above) and the Department of Ecology.

Stakeholders

The City will engage the following stakeholders:

State Government

- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- WA Resource Conservation Office

Other Government

- City of Liberty Lake
- City of Millwood
- City of Spokane

- Spokane County

Tribal

- Spokane Tribe of Indians

Community

- City at large
- Shoreline property owners
- Friends of the Centennial Trail

Public Participation Timeline

The following is a general timeline, including anticipated public participation opportunities. The timeline may be modified as the project progresses. Specific dates will be publicized via the website, email notifications, official notices, and the news media.

Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City staff may be contacted with project-related questions or concerns• Project information is available on project webpage
October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email notification sent to stakeholders
January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Gap Analysis and amendments available on website• Online open house• Planning Commission review begins
February - March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment period• Join public hearing
June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Council adoption