

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
CITY OF NORMANDY PARK
SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE
JUNE 8, 2010**

The City of Normandy Park will be updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) through 2012 in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology and in accordance with the State law (WAC 173-26). Public participation is a significant component of the SMP update and it is necessary for local governments to conduct and document a public participation process that encourages interested parties and agencies to participate throughout the SMP update.

The goal of the public participation plan is to inform and to involve agencies, stakeholders and the public, to solicit early and continuous feedback from the community and stakeholders and to assist in the decision-making process. The updated SMP will be consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the SMP Guidelines (WAC 173-26) adopted by the Washington State Legislature.

Objectives

The objectives of the public participation plan are:

- To educate City of Normandy Park residents, property owners and stakeholders about the Shoreline Master Program update.
- To provide the public and stakeholders with opportunities for participation in the development of the plan, through comments, surveys, mailings and public meetings and to incorporate public input into the decision-making process.
- To actively encourage participation of all people and organizations affected by shoreline jurisdiction.
- To coordinate the SMP update with neighboring cities and King County.
- To consult and solicit comments from multi-jurisdictional agencies and the Tribes, incorporating and responding to comments as appropriate.

Roles and Responsibilities

The City of Normandy Park is responsible for the update of the SMP in compliance with State guidelines (WAC 173-26), as well as terms of Washington State Ecology Grant contract G1000008.

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Stakeholders

Key Parties:

All property owners within shoreline jurisdiction
Cove property owners
Citizens of Normandy Park
Normandy Park City Council
Normandy Park Planning Commission
The Duwamish Indian Tribe
The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
The Puyallup Indian Tribe
Washington State Department of Ecology

Additional Stakeholders

City of Burien
City of Des Moines
King County
People for Puget Sound
National Auduban Society
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Washington State Department of Commerce
Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9
Cascade Land Conservancy

Puget Sound Partnership
National Marine Fisheries
National Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Public Participation/Involvement Strategies

1. Mailings. The City of Normandy Park will send notices to all property owners for initial notification that the Shoreline Master Program update is beginning. Subsequent mailing will only go to those property owners within 300 feet of the shoreline. All owners in the original mailing will be sent information regarding the SMP update process, notification of Public Participation meetings and an invitation to the kick-off meeting.
2. Database. In addition to the property owners list, a database will be maintained and continuously updated with the names, addresses and email addresses of people and organizations that wish to receive updates on the process.
3. Webpage. The City of Normandy Park will provide a Shoreline Management Program link on the City's website to the process and update the information about the SMP process, and draft documents as they are approved. It will also include an email address for comments, which will be forwarded to the appropriate staff person, and incorporated into a comment summary worksheet.
4. Public meetings. An SMP Update Kick-Off meeting will be held in conjunction with a regular Planning Commission meeting to engage and inform stakeholders and the public. The Planning Commission will be the main forum for discussion during Phases 1 and 2 of the update, and will receive monthly updates from staff along with any draft materials that have been prepared. (For Phase 3 and beyond, a Shoreline Advisory Committee may be formed consisting of members of the Planning Commission and key stakeholder groups). Prior to adoption of the Draft SMP, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the document as a whole before sending it to Ecology for approval.
5. Media. The City of Normandy Park will provide notice of public hearings in the local newspaper (Highline Times) in accordance with state law.

Schedule

- August 2010 – Website and online survey will be on the City of Normandy Park website, as well as email links to comment on SMP to Staff.
- September 2010 – Send mailings, press releases and email distribution invitation to SMP Update open house “kick-off” meeting at the Planning Commission meeting.
- September 2010 – Convene the Shoreline Advisory Committee.

List of Public Involvement Tools

- Mailings
- Database of people and organizations
- An SMP Update Webpage on the City Website
- City Newsletters
- Public Meeting Notices

Shoreline Visioning Process

From 2007 to 2009, the City of Normandy Park rewrote its Critical Areas Ordinance. In doing so, a primary area of concern included all of the shoreline within the city. This extensive public process included the appointment of a citizen technical advisory committee, holding two public workshops, two public hearings before the City of Normandy Park Planning Commission and extensive review by the City Council. This process helped in establishing yet another landmark project effort: Sightlines 2030.

The City of Normandy Park's Sightlines 2030 was completed in 2009. The citywide effort involved as many as 225+ public participant surveys at 6 different events. The participants were asked what they liked and disliked in regards to what the City of Normandy Park had to offer its citizens. Once again, the survey results clearly stated that the shoreline was a prominent feature that residents wanted to preserve. Therefore, preparing a vision of how the shoreline of Normandy Park might be preserved is an effort that the City of Normandy Park is currently preparing to address.

Currently, the City of Normandy Park is working with consultants from King County to prepare a characterization of its shoreline and with the Washington State Department of Ecology to develop ideas for the visioning process for the city's shoreline. Visioning for the Shoreline Master Plan Update will be initiated once the characterization of the shoreline is complete.

The visioning process will help focus discussions and decision making on key issues that will help protect and preserve the shorelines of the City of Normandy Park for its current and future residents. One workshop will be scheduled which will include the opportunity for input from shoreline residents. The timing for this event will be organized before the end of August 2010.