

City of Renton

Shoreline Master Program Update



Project Update

The City of Renton has been working hard on its Shoreline Master Program Update over the last six months. Primarily, City staff have been working with our consulting team (Parametrix and ESA Adolfson) to complete Renton's first Shoreline Inventory and Characterization.

Project milestones in the last six months:

- Gathered existing scientific information on shorelines within City limits and Renton's planning area
- Identified all shorelines subject to the Shoreline Management Act
- Verified information about the Lake Washington shoreline by boat
- Compiled a (draft) Shoreline Map Portfolio
- Analyzed the market for water dependent uses in Renton
- Completed a (draft) Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

How can I get involved?

- Come to Planning Commission meetings on November 12th and December 10th.
- Visit our website: <http://shoreline.rentonwa.gov>
- Sign up for our mailing list by contacting Erika Conkling at (425) 430-6578 or shoreline@ci.renton.wa.us

Inventory and Characterization

A Shoreline Inventory and Characterization is a very important document. It analyzes the existing condition of all of the City's shorelines and describes the ecological functions and processes that take place. As a result, this technical document is used as the basis for making decisions about the City's regulatory options under the Shoreline Management Act.

To help better understand the Inventory and Characterization, several technical memos have been written to pull out key information.

These technical memos include:

- Regulatory Approach Options
- Public Access Options
- Ecological Opportunities and Constraints
- Economic Demand

Public Review

Review of the (draft) Inventory and Characterization and of the technical memos listed above is beginning now. Workshops have been set with the Renton Planning Commission on November 12th and December 10th at 6:00 p.m. on the 7th floor of City Hall. There will be time for public comment and questions at these workshops. Questions and comments can also be directed to City staff using the contact information in the box to the left. Staff anticipates briefing Renton City Council on the project's status some time in January 2009. Once known, the date will be posted on the project website.

